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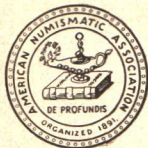
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San Francisco, California, August 21-24, 1949

The 58th Annual Convention of the Association, at the invitation of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and the California State Numismatic Association. Held at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.

MONDAY SESSION

The convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m., in the Comstock Room of the Palace Hotel, President Gettys presiding. Rev. Frederick J. Hart of San Luis Obispo, California, pronounced the invocation.

The President called attention to the list of deceased members printed in the official program and requested that the members stand a moment in silent prayer in tribute to the memory of our friends and associates who were called to their eternal homes during the past year. The list follows:

IN MEMORIAM

We pause in reverend and sincere respect to pay this tribute to the memory of our friends and associates who were called to their eternal homes during the past year. The list is as follows:

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 13433 Fred D. Ziemann, Utica, N. Y.

The President introduced Jack Hecht, Co-Chairman of the Convention Committee.

MR. JACK HECHT: You know, folks, we often say about women that our wives are one in a million. Unfortunately we don't have so many good words about the men, at least our wives don't have that many, and weather men don't have too many good words. I'd like to tell you about one fellow who is not quite one in a million, — we don't have a million population here in San Francisco. He is one man who in my opinion has probably been the most outstanding man here in San Francisco. I'd like you now to meet the Honorable George Christopher, Supervisor of San Francisco.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

MR. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I know we are a few minutes late. It was really my fault; I became intrigued with the display down stairs. I just couldn't leave.

I have always considered myself an amateur collector, and I was trying to determine the value of some of the small pieces I have at home.

People not only here, but throughout the country, don't know what the Association is. Many think you come to San Francisco with nets in your hands, catching butterflies, and I explain that is not your particular avocation. I did explain you do collect rare coins, etc. After seeing some of the big prices that are asked for some of the coins downstairs I am not only convinced that you are not only interested in collecting old coins, but have no aversion to the new coins.

I want to welcome you here to San Francisco and want to make your stay here as pleasant as possible. Please feel free to call on the Mayor's office and city officials to render you any service in any field in our command. We want you to leave San Francisco feeling very happy you came here and stayed a few days with us. I, personally, have great interest in your organization. I feel your organization is not only an avocation but an extraordinary avocation, one that brings forth the romance of our country and other countries, as well, to the forefront,

and compels people to take this kind of interest in the work that you are doing because there is a great romantic interest in your work.

So may I extend a cordial welcome to assure you we are very happy to have you present and assure you every facility at our command is yours during your stay here, and when you leave San Francisco you take with you all good feelings of our citizens of San Francisco. Thank you, and welcome to San Francisco.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Christopher. We appreciate your hearty welcome.

I am sure all of us are having a good time. There is one thing that we have already found out and that is, San Francisco truly is a city that knows how. Thank you again, Sir.

At this time I will turn the chair over to Vice President Merrill Sheldon.

VICE PRESIDENT SHELTON: This is the first word from your Vice President. I certainly welcome you. We will now have the Condition of the Association Report, from our Honorable President, Mr. Gettys.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The choice of San Francisco for the 1949 meeting of the American Numismatic Association was, indeed, happy. The members and the official family are genuinely glad to be here. It is a pleasure to be in San Francisco to participate in the celebration of the California gold rush, as well as to enjoy our hobby with the West Coast members of the American Numismatic Association. We are delighted to take advantage of your hospitality and of your engaging spirit of fraternity.

San Francisco is a city where each of us is able to find something reflecting his own city. No other American city affords us this opportunity. It has been aptly said that "San Francisco was never a village, never a town, but became a city over night." We, strangers from other parts of our country, heartily agree.

We last met in San Francisco in 1915, and I am sure all here present feel that we should avail ourselves of your hospitable overtures more often. On Monday morning, August 30, 1915, there were 12 members in attendance at the opening of the business session. The total registration was 14: H. O. Grandberg, Fred S. Huddart, Farran Zerbe, I. Leland Steinman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Max Mehl, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson, F. J. Loer, A. Reimers, George C. Arnold, Fred Joy, Arthur C. Nygren, and E. H. Adams. From that group we have with us today Mr. and Mrs. B. Max Mehl.

The membership of the ANA in 1915 totaled 513; today the mailing list is over 9000.

We owe much to the grand men and women who started the American Numismatic Association, and we thank them for their steadfast faith, their foresight, and their intense determination to carry on. We need not dwell on their success; we have only to look at the present ANA to see for ourselves the effectiveness of their achievements.

California is rich in numismatic history. Gold was first discovered in California in 1842 near Los Angeles by Don Francisco. The discovery that excited the world, however, was the gold discovered by James W. Marshall in January 1848, near the town of Coloma in El Dorado County. From this enormous strike our country was launched on its sound financial and prosperous economic basis. The "days of '49" are vividly recalled by the display here of gold pieces, of the "private gold coinage of California, as well as the coinage of our neighbors, the Beavers from Oregon, and the Mormons of Utah." Those were truly great times, the years from 1849 to 1855, when in order to establish mediums of exchange private gold coins were struck as currency.

The United States branch mint of San Francisco first went into operation on April 3, 1854. It has been in continuous production since.

The definitive work on California gold — quarters, halves, and dollars — was published in 1932 by the late Ed. M. Lee, assisted by his sons, Kenneth W. Lee, and Wilber E. Lee. Even of this day Kenneth Lee of Glendale, California, is still the foremost authority on these exciting, interesting, historical pieces.

It is an outstanding privilege for all of us to be here. The officers and members of the American Numismatic Association are most grateful to the numismatists of the Pacific Coast for their enthusiastic and friendly efforts in our behalf.

In our business sessions of this year we are initiating a new procedure. The assembly at the meeting this morning will continue until all necessary business is taken care of, and tomorrow will be left exclusively for our educational program. You will note that the Educational Committee has arranged a full schedule. On Wednesday morning we shall have the final report of the Resolutions Committee, the report of the Election Committee, and conclude any other necessary business.

The work of the Secretary's office grows steadily. In connection with the election of officers about 63,000 items are handled; and with the collection of dues it is necessary to process approximately 81,000 items.

In addition to these duties, there are new applications for membership each month, hundreds of other items, bookkeeping transactions, correspondence, records — truly a vast amount of work.

During the past year the following new clubs were organized and are affiliated with the American Numismatic Association:

Ark-Mo Coin Club, Corning, Arkansas
San Bernardino County Coin Club, San Bernardino, Calif.
Grand Rapids Coin Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Clearwater Coin Club, Clearwater, Florida
Ponca City Coin Club, Ponca City, Oklahoma
Rochester Junior Numismatic Association, Rochester, New York
Arkansas Valley Coin Club, Rocky Ford, Colorado
Chatham Coin Club, Chatham, Massachusetts
Miami Coin Club, Miami, Florida
Columbian Coin Club of South Jersey, Penns Grove, New Jersey
Triple Cities Coin Club, Union, New York
Capitol City Coin Club of Sacramento, Sacramento, California
Ottawa Coin Club, Ottawa, Canada
North Dakota Coin Club, Bismarck, North Dakota
Fernandina Coin Club, Fernandina, Florida
Daytona Beach Numismatic Club, Daytona Beach, Florida
East Bay Coin Club, Berkeley, California
Marysville Numismatic Society, Marysville, Ohio
Chenango County Coin Club, North Norwich, New York
Central Kansas Stamp and Coin Club, Minneapolis, Kansas
Panther Valley Coin Club, Summit Hill, Pennsylvania
Metropolitan Junior Coin Club, Cambria Heights, New York
Saginaw Valley Coin Club, Saginaw, Michigan
Tri Cities Coin Club, Davenport, Iowa

It is no news to you that the affairs of the Secretary's office are most efficiently administered by Lew Reagan. His is a full-time job, and our Association is most fortunate to have a man of Lew's character and ability to manage our administrative office.

At the beginning of the year a Library Committee was appointed consisting of Vernon Sheldon, Chairman, Richard Yeoman, and Harold Klein. The purpose of this committee was to streamline and set up the library procedure in order that we may get our money's worth per book loaned. Our Librarian, Ted Hammer, has this task well on its way. You all have received the new library catalog. By eliminating local club bulletins, sales catalogs, books not for loan, we were able to save approximately \$700 in printing costs. Other

savings in procedure and make-up were made. Now, under Ted Hammer's able management, our library is operating at a savings of about \$1,300 per year. Additional savings of about \$2,600 per year have been made in our magazine, *The Numismatist*, by the elimination of the page of instructions to advertisers, changes of address, club directory, and the names of applicants after their acceptance to admission to the Association. We now have the same number of pages for numismatic articles in a 112-page magazine that formerly took 121 pages.

Again this year we furnished articles of a numismatic nature to newspapers and magazines. Our coverage has been quite extensive. The stories were written by Ted Hammer and comprise 76 in number. This is a worthwhile project, and if any of you would like a set for your local newspaper, please drop a note to Ted and it will be forthcoming.

In this connection I recommend that a permanent department known as "Public Relations" be set up, with definite duties, and under the supervision of a member of the Executive Board.

It is almost impossible to handle the ANA Convention, with its expanded auction and program catalog, without great financial loss. Under present arrangements the numismatic firm underwriting the convention catalog must put out about 13,000 catalogs. This is far too great a load for any member to assume, especially when we realize that bona fide bids will be received from only about 12 per cent of the ANA roster. I recommend, therefore, that hereafter the auction be awarded by the Association to one of our dealer members, and that no secret commitments to any person or group be recognized in the awarding of the auction. I further suggest that a modest program and auction catalog be printed in an amount sufficient to take care of the needs of the members in attendance at the convention and of those members writing to the cataloger requesting a copy.

Our Business Manager, Burton Saxton, has kept our advertising section at a high level. The ads are attractive and worthwhile to all concerned.

Again this year National Coin Week was an outstanding success. For the first time our hobby was presented by television, thanks to that fine committee headed by John Lastutter of the Chicago Coin Club. This year National Coin Week received almost universal recognition. The various coin clubs and members all over the country did a fine job. To Abe Kosoff and his committee go the thanks of our Association for their work on National Coin Week.

Special thanks are due to the McCormick-Armstrong Printing Company, now in the second year of serving the Association by printing *The Numismatist* and our other official publications. The quality of work has been superb, the schedule completely dependable. The magazine is always in the mails on time. You all know that and appreciate it. There is also a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness on the part of their employees that has made it a pleasure for our Editor and Business Manager to work with them. Our printing costs are moderate in comparison with periodicals of a like nature.

By the way, speaking of printing costs and figures, there seems to be conflicting opinions about the cost of the 1946 and 1949 membership directories, and I would like to clarify the records and state the facts.

The total cost of the 1946 directory was \$4,577.21, including approximately \$2,000 for paper. Ten thousand copies were printed of 208 pages each. The cost of printing the 1949 directory was \$6,288 for twelve thousand copies, which included all materials and work.

Now two thousand more copies of the 1949 directory were printed, and the volume of each was 260 pages, 25 per cent larger than the 1946 directory. Therefore, on the basis of the 1946 cost, and without taking into consideration the increase in costs of labor and materials since 1946, the cost of the 1949 directory would have been \$6,120, instead of \$6,288.

These are the correct and complete facts and figures and speak for themselves.

One brief comment also on the financial report. You will observe from the report of our professional auditor that the Association had, at the close of this last fiscal year total cash assets of over \$59,000. This is an *increase* of nearly \$3,000 over the corresponding amount of the previous year. To this figure should be added about \$12,000 in property other than cash, in our library, our collections, our stock of dies and medals, our office equipment, etc. The total assets of the Association are now more than \$70,000. The Association has never before been in so strong a financial position.

The past year marks another milestone in the history of numismatics in the United States. For the first time in our history a full-time curator has been appointed to take care of our National Coin Collection.

This collection, housed in the Smithsonian Institution, in our Nation's Capitol, Washington, D. C., has received scant attention during the last century and a half. It is not the largest collection in the world, nor is it by any means the best, yet measured by ordinary standards it is a very fine collection. As over two million people visit the Smithsonian Institution each year, it is safe to say that this collection attracts more attention than any single collection in the world.

Directly after we convened in Boston last summer our editor, Stuart Mosher, went to Washington to discuss the position of curator of numismatics which had been offered him by the officials of the Smithsonian Institution. The conference ended with Stuart's staying right on in Washington, and since then our National Coin Collection has been undergoing a general overhauling. The fact that it needed it is no reflection on those who were in charge of it in the past. Under the circumstances they worked wonders.

The committee on the "Numismatic Textbook" has completed its preliminary work. The complete chapters covering the various subjects have been outlined. A list of number one authorities for the writing of the various subjects under each chapter has been completed. The name of a well-qualified editor has been suggested, and a committee from the Executive Board is negotiating with him to assume the task. Definite plans are under consideration for the publication of the manuscript upon its completion. When we go before Congress for a renewal of our charter, this published textbook will be concrete evidence that our Association has a good reason for its existence and for a charter renewal.

To Captain O. H. Dodson, and his fine committee, Laurence L. Howe, Charles P. Nettleship, C. L. Ruby, and Burton Saxton, we owe much. It's a great contribution these men have made to our Association.

The new cover design for *The Numismatist* has met with almost universal approval. It is unique and distinctly American, having historic as well as numismatic overtones. The Rev. Edw. M. Catich, Professor of Art at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, is the designer of our new cover. Father Catich, a calligrapher, and an authority on the paleography of imperial Rome, is a member of the ANA and an ardent coin collector.

Our membership fee affords us many advantages. In addition to the educational and medallic arts program carried on by the Association, we receive a membership directory, a library catalog with the privilege of borrowing books at any time, and an up-to-date numismatic magazine, whose value increases with time. The volumes of *The Numismatist* are now worth from about \$3 to \$20 each for issues since 1894. The six volumes prior to 1894 are scarce. Some of the volumes after 1894 are likewise offered only infrequently to collectors and students.

It has become increasingly difficult to assist, encourage, and aid the coin clubs affiliated with the A.N.A. At present they number 175. This task is too large and time-consuming for our District Secretaries to assume. Therefore, I recommend that the District Secretary set-up be transferred to a club-representative basis; that from the membership of each club affiliated with the A.N.A. a representative be appointed to carry on the work heretofore carried on by the District Secretary, with definite duties and responsibilities, some of which would be —

**Fostering numismatic displays;
 Speaking to interested groups about our hobby;
 Acting as a public-relations man for the A.N.A.;
 Receiving applications for membership;
 Promoting desirable publicity for the A.N.A.;
 Organize a local speakers bureau;
 In general, representing the A.N.A.**

That the club representatives be one-year appointments and under the supervision of the Second Vice President. That a bulletin be published monthly and sent to each club representative, the bulletin to present news, suggestions, and ideas for club and A.N.A. improvements and reports of activities of the representatives — a regular A.N.A. sales medium.

It is desired to have the A.N.A. representatives in the corporate clubs so as to foster the growth of the Society simultaneously with the bringing of members into the A.N.A. The present lack of such an arrangement is one of our weak links. There are many corporate club members not affiliated with the A.N.A.; hence all area inquiries coming from outside the clubs could be handed to the A.N.A. representative, and through the influence of his office in the club and in the A.N.A. all would benefit. Those states or areas without corporate clubs, including our overseas affiliates, would, of course, not be affected by the new set-up. The A.N.A. representative, too, would be a medium through which to distribute and encourage the use of the library and illustrated slides.

With this organizational change we would continue to grow and build on a firm foundation. Each club would have a better knowledge of A.N.A. affairs and the opportunity to participate in them.

For these reasons I recommend that all of Section IV of Article IV, and all of Section IV of Article VI of our By-Laws be changed accordingly. The streamlining of our forces will have a vital place in the program for advancement of the American Numismatic Association.

The 25- and 50-year membership medals have met with enthusiastic approval. The Association in the two years since the program was established has presented 50 silver and 10 gold medals.

There is no reason why the American Numismatic Association should not lead in the advancement of all phases of numismatics, especially in the line of medallic art. On our membership rolls are the most talented designers and engravers available. We have men and women with capacity to create original ideas. I recommend that our Association sponsor a medal each year, of a design and shape approved by the Medallic Arts Committee; that this medal be for sale to the membership and to others interested in the medallic arts. We must surely can improve this field of our hobby.

In addition to the sale of the medals, I recommend that several be struck each year with a special reverse for presentation purposes. That this medal be presented at each annual convention to the member having the best overall exhibit; another for the leading display of paper money; one each for U. S. issues, foreign, and ancients, etc. — the various classifications to be fixed by the Executive Board.

In 1952 we shall have an opportunity to celebrate the event of the first American coinage of 1652, the now famous Pine Tree Shilling.

Undoubtedly the American Numismatic Association will want to promote the tricentenary celebration of that coin. Therefore, I recommend that the Association direct its efforts toward an issue to commemorate the Pine Tree shilling; that we request Congress to issue a commemorative quarter (the shilling's worth was approximately a quarter). Inasmuch as there has been only one commemorative quarter (Isabella) issued by the United States mint, a commemorative 25-cent piece of the Pine Tree shilling of 1652 would be in order.

I earnestly urge the adoption of this recommendation, and that a proper committee be appointed, with power to act for the American Numismatic Association.

During this past year I have made club visitations to the following cities:

Ponca City, Oklahoma
Ottumwa, Iowa
Chicago, Illinois
Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania
Newark, New Jersey
New York City
Richmond, Virginia

Jacksonville, Florida
Atlanta, Georgia
Kansas City, Missouri
Detroit, Michigan
Cincinnati, Ohio
Wichita, Kansas
Washington, D. C.

Our genial secretary, Lew Reagan, also visited many of our local organizations.

Each member of the Executive Board attended meetings of various clubs.

I know of no better way of establishing good public relations than the visits by members of the A.N.A. official family to local coin clubs. It knits our entire organization more closely. In addition to the good will established, we received hundreds of new applications for membership in the A.N.A.

The A.N.A., ever mindful of the requirements of the coin collectors of this country, is determined that its program for the establishment of a Numismatic Agency in Washington will be realized.

At every annual convention for at least the past 20 years, efforts have been made to get such an agency established. We feel that the mint and treasury officials should take a realistic view of this problem, study the matter objectively with a positive approach.

It is true that for a short time, upon proper application, one may obtain two specimens only of those coins struck at each mint. This is all to the good so far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. Hardly without exception coins acquired are scratched, heavy with thumbprints, and are thereby made unfit as numismatic specimens. Our association represents fine collectors in this country, from the beginners to the advanced students, who should have the benefit of perfect coins.

The history of the world is portrayed through and upon coins, medals, and paper money. This is true not only of ancient coins with respect to their countries; it is likewise emblematic of our coinage. Struggles of our forefathers, hardships of the pioneers, feats of our great men and women, cultural accomplishments, all are signified on our paper money and coins. Trips through the Smithsonian Institution will point out the many struggles, adventure, romance, and development of this country portrayed on the mediums of exchange used since America's discovery.

The American Numismatic Association represents the numismatists of this country. In view of this fact we feel that our mint and treasury officials should encourage the hobby of coin collecting. Their encouragement to stamp collectors has been very beneficial, and in addition, a most profitable enterprise for the Treasury Department. Naturally, the establishment of a Numismatic Agency in Washington can become just as profitable. We do not ask that this agency be set up at no cost to the collectors. We are willing and eager to have the necessary expense of running such an agency added to the cost of the coins in order that we may procure carefully selected specimens of the various coins struck from the three mints. Under this plan there will be no extra burden placed on the budget of the Treasury Department or on the Director of the Mint.

The more young people that our government and the A.N.A. can get interested in collecting coins, and thereby help to keep busy minds purposefully occupied, the greater will be this country's fruits in good citizenship.

To make relatively easy the acquisition of good specimens of our coins will stimulate thrift, as well as add to the enjoyment and pleasure derived from the hobby of coin collecting.

The chairman of the committee for the establishment of a numismatic agency in Washington, D. C., is Colonel Jos. Moss, and his fellow workers are Captain O. H. Dodson, and Mr. Vernon L. Brown. They have had one conference with the Director of the Mint and Treasury officials. We feel that progress towards the fulfillment of this objective has been made.

During these past two years my intimate association with Lew Reagan, our

Convention Expense	734.89	485.65
Showcase Shipping and Storage	444.66	642.70
Showcase Purchases and Repairs	85.01	324.00
Coin Illustration Slides	78.85	366.27
Publicity Expenses	231.87	146.80
National Coin Week Expense	330.56	367.13
Coin Purchases	50.00	100.00
Life Membership Awards		150.00
Purchase of Books for Library		129.20
Cost of Reprints	164.00	852.82
Insurance and Surety Bond Premiums	60.67	188.53
Telephone Expense - General Secretary	358.50	253.72
Expenses of District Secretaries	25.90	
Expenses of Convention Committee	408.76	472.81
Equipment purchased	370.61	260.47
American Numismatic Society Dues	15.00	15.00
Bank Charges	95.27	88.04
Credit Reports	85.35	55.00
Cost of Medals, Dies and Bars	845.07	2,449.44
Audit Fees	200.00	200.00
Other Expense	510.19	45.99
Total Expenses	\$20,088.94	\$21,702.07
Net Income	\$18,481.30	\$ 3,677.57

**EXHIBIT C — Comparative Statement of Income and Expense for the
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1949, and June 30, 1948**

NUMISMATIST TRANSACTIONS

	<i>Fiscal Year Ended</i>	
	<i>June 30</i>	<i>June 30</i>
	<i>1949</i>	<i>1948</i>
INCOME:		
Advertising Sales	\$21,011.45	\$18,845.72
Subscriptions of Non-Members	2,536.58	2,553.45
Single Copy Sales	376.55	439.60
Total Income	<u>\$23,924.58</u>	<u>\$21,838.77</u>
EXPENSES:		
Salary — Business Manager	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,375.00
Salary — Editor	2,550.00	2,410.00
Printing Costs of Magazine	31,115.56	27,873.34
Envelopes of Mailing	1,239.25	525.50
Postage for Magazine	1,176.40	1,051.60
Photographs	182.75	180.87
Cuts	832.07	1,146.95
Direct Expenses of Business Manager:		
Postage	161.75	108.41
Telephone and Telegraph	110.73	148.45
Stationery and Office Supplies	43.50	37.35
Other Expense	108.86	121.82
Direct Expenses of Editor:		
Postage	252.70	237.10
Telephone	106.59	96.43
Stationery and Office Supplies	109.55	94.25
Secretarial Assistance	576.00	366.60
Other Expense	62.28	150.00
Total Expense	<u>\$41,177.99</u>	<u>\$36,923.67</u>
Net Loss	<u>*\$17,253.41</u>	<u>*\$15,084.90</u>

*No Income is shown in this statement representing the value of the *Numismatist* furnished to members of the Association. If an allowance were made, the net income on Exhibit B would be decreased by a comparable amount.

**EXHIBIT D — Life Membership Fund Transactions for the
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1949**

Cash Balance per Treasurer, July 1, 1948	\$	698.23
Interest on U. S. Savings Bond		37.50
Balance Shown on Previous Annual Report	\$	735.73
Income:		
Life Membership Fees — 32 Members	\$	2,400.00
Interest on Savings Bank Account		38.21
Interest on \$3,000.00 U. S. Savings Bonds		75.00
Total Income	\$	2,513.21
Less: Charge from General Fund for Service to Life Members as authorized by Board of Directors		1,065.00
Net Income		1,448.21
Adjusted Cash Balance, June 30, 1949	\$	2,183.94

Analysis of Balance — Life Membership Fund

Treasurer's Cash Balance — June 30, 1949	3,173.94
Due from General Fund for Interest on U. S. Savings Bonds	75.00
Total	\$ 3,248.94
Less: Due to General Fund for Cost of Service to Life Members ...	1,065.00
Balance, June 30, 1949	\$ 2,183.94

**SCHEDULE 1 — Investments in United States Savings Bonds
June 30, 1949**

Number	Date Issued	Maturity Date	Cost	Value June 30, 1949
<i>General Fund</i>				
<i>Series F:</i>				
M310871F	Oct. 1, 1942	Oct. 1, 1954	\$ 740.00	\$ 835.00
M310872F	Oct. 1, 1942	Oct. 1, 1954	740.00	835.00
<i>Series G:</i>				
V591857G	Oct. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1957	5,000.00	4,740.00
M5232090G	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1958	1,000.00	956.00
M5232091G	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1958	1,000.00	956.00
M5232092G	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1958	1,000.00	956.00
M5232093G	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1958	1,000.00	956.00
M5232094G	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1958	1,000.00	956.00
Total General Fund			\$11,480.00	\$11,190.00
<i>Life Membership Fund</i>				
<i>Series F:</i>				
M673876F	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1955	\$ 740.00	\$ 809.00
M673877F	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1955	740.00	809.00
M673878F	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1955	740.00	809.00
M673879F	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1955	740.00	809.00
M648572F	Oct. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1957	740.00	767.00
M648573F	Oct. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1957	740.00	767.00
M648574F	Oct. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1957	740.00	767.00

secretary, and the Board of Governors, has been a pleasure and source of great inspiration. Lew Reagan has been very active, faithful, and unstinting in the administration of our Association's affairs. Each member of the Executive Board has been of great help by his advice, encouragement, and loyalty. Their fiery zeal for the good of the Association will never be forgotten. I pay special tribute to these very busy men. No praises or eloquent phrases can express adequately the superior and vigorous manner in which they have always performed their duties.

Serving as your president for the past two years has been an unprecedented experience for me. The new friendships made, the opportunities for service, the privilege of working with the men and women of our Association all have been a source of enduring satisfaction. In any problem to solve, decision to make, or program to inaugurate, my only thought has been "will it be of benefit to the American Numismatic Association?" In fact, this was the only premise upon which each member of the Executive Board has worked.

It is impossible to express my thanks to the membership for their wonderful support; to the officers and personnel of the Executive Board for their guidance and encouragement; to the District Secretaries for their splendid efforts; to the chairmen and members of the various committees for a good job well done.

In all our accomplishments, all our gains, whatever progress we have made these past two years I am deeply grateful for your letting me have a share in them. The outstanding honor of serving as your president I shall always cherish.

That our Association may ever grow is my ardent wish!

Respectfully submitted,
LOYD B. GETTYS, *President*

MR. SHELDON: Thank you, Mr. President. You have heard a very comprehensive and detailed report from our president. It contains many recommendations that should go to the Resolutions Committee. The Chair will entertain a motion that this report be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Such a motion was made and carried, after which President Gettys resumed the Chair.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: The following committees have been appointed:

Credentials: Eugene D. Johnston, Mrs. Ralph Mitchell, Mrs. Karl Brainard.

Proxy: Mrs. Shepard Pond, Mrs. Christian Petersen, Mrs. C. David Pierce, Mrs. David Redfield, Earl C. Brown.

Resolutions: Ralph A. Mitchell, Dr. A. F. Pradeau, Leonel C. Panosh, C. David Pierce, Mrs. D. D. DeNise.

Auditing: W. A. Philpott, Kenneth W. Lee, B. M. Eubanks.

Election: Lloyd L. Ruff, Harry X. Boosel, Mrs. T. C. Brandts, Paul Campbell, Howard C. Glickert, D. N. Green, Nathan E. Heft, Mrs. James Kelly, Clifford Lindall, Kenneth B. Lobb, Joe Steele.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: We will proceed now with the regular order of business. First we will have the report of the Credentials Committee.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Committee has inspected the official register and finds that there is more than the minimum requirements for a quorum. We therefore declare that this assembly is empowered to transact such business as may come before the convention.

EUGENE D. JOHNSTON, *Chairman*
MRS. RALPH MITCHELL
MRS. KARL BRAINARD

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted with thanks.

The President next called for a report of the Proxy Committee. Earl C. Brown read the preliminary report which was adopted as read. Some additional proxies were delivered to the committee and a revised report was read at the meeting on Wednesday. (Members who enclosed their proxies in the sealed ballot envelope, contrary to instructions, should note that such proxies were delivered to the Proxy Committee by the Elections Committee, but were received after the deadline for receipt of proxies, and were not included in the report.) The final report of the Proxy Committee was as follows:

REPORT OF THE PROXY COMMITTEE

Mr. President, Officers and Members:

Your committee on proxies has received all properly executed proxies from the General Secretary and, has made a proper examination of the convention register. The following is a true tabulation of proxies held by members in attendance:

George Bauer	7	Harper Mercer	1
A. E. Bebee	1	William J. Mertes	2
M. H. Bolender	2	Ralph A. Mitchell	3
Fred Bolton	2	J. H. Morris	3
Harry X. Boosel	6	Col. Joseph Moss	50
Nate Bowers	1	James Mussatti	1
Dan Brown	4	Leonel C. Panosh	8
Earl C. Brown	4	E. A. Parker	9
Vernon L. Brown	55	Christian Petersen	102
Mark Chapman	1	W. A. Philpott	4
Joseph Coffin	2	C. David Pierce	31
Lillard Culver	3	John J. Pittman	18
Edward Fogler	5	Mrs. Shepard Pond	3
Earl Frank	2	M. A. Powills	12
Louis Friedman	3	Lewis M. Reagan	659
A. P. Gasser	2	George B. Rogers	1
E. C. Gerber	1	Herbert K. Rowold	1
Loyd B. Gettys	180	Mancel Roy	2
Howard Glickert	2	Charles L. Ruby	20
Harvey L. Hansen	1	E. Ward Russell	3
Frederick A. Haucks	1	C. H. Ryan	16
Eugene D. Johnston	1	William J. Sexton	1
Dr. J. Hewitt Judd	14	M. Vernon Sheldon	216
John S. Kachman	5	Mrs. M. Vernon Sheldon	8
A. M. Kagin	1	C. C. Shroyer	14
Sol Kaplan	9	Norman Shultz	2
Frank J. Katen	59	J. B. Stack	2
James Kelly	9	Jesse Taylor	1
Fred Kern	1	Earle Tuttle	1
Louis J. Kirkpatrick	1	Harry S. Van Denberg	4
Charles Kiser	1	George Walton	1
Harold R. Klein	10	Louis Werner	2
A. Kosoff	5	S. West	1
Kenneth W. Lee	3	Harold E. Whiteneck	7
Clifford Lindall	1	Dr. John H. Wild	93
Kenneth Lobb	1	R. A. Wilson	1
Lee T. Long	1	R. S. Yeoman	26
B. Max Mehl	15	Total	1,751

MRS. SHEPARD POND, *Chairman*

MRS. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN

MRS. C. DAVID PIERCE

MRS. DAVID REDFIELD

EARL C. BROWN

The President read two resolutions which had been handed to him by representatives of the Buffalo and Rochester clubs and recommended that they be referred to the Resolutions Committee. It was moved and carried that this

be done and they appear below in the report of the Resolutions Committee as Resolution 5 and Resolution 6.

The President called attention to the fact that the Reports of Officers had been distributed in mimeographed form and announced that he would entertain a motion for their acceptance. It was moved and carried that the reports of officers, as presented, be accepted with thanks. The reports follow:

NOTE

The following report of the financial condition of the Association, prepared by the Auditor, is based on the annual reports of the General Secretary and the Treasurer, and is essentially a duplication of those reports. The financial reports of the General Secretary and of the Treasurer are therefore not included but are available for inspection by any member. Likewise, any additional information, the books and records, or further details on any item, will be supplied on request to the General Secretary.

LEWIS M. REAGAN, *General Secretary*

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Executive Board, American Numismatic Association:

As requested, I have made an examination of the books of your General Secretary, Treasurer and Business Manager for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949, and now present my report thereon, together with the following statements:

Exhibit A — Balance Sheet, June 30, 1949.

Exhibit B — Comparative Statement of Income and Expense for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1949, and June 30, 1948 — General Transactions.

Exhibit C — Comparative Statement of Income and Expense for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1949, and June 30, 1948 — Numismatist Transactions.

Exhibit D — Life Membership Fund Transactions for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1949.

Schedule 1 — Investments — United States Savings Bonds, June 30, 1949.

Cash on Hand was not verified by actual count. However, the Editor furnished a certificate to the effect that this amount was in his possession.

Cash in Banks was verified by reconciliation with amounts stated on certificates obtained directly from the depositories.

United States Savings Bonds were in possession of the Treasurer, and were verified by the President of your association during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949.

A second-class mail deposit is maintained at the Post Office in Wichita, Kansas.

Prepaid expenses were verified by reference to invoices paid for the printing of the Directory and Catalog, and in my opinion are a proper charge to future operations.

The Net Worth of the respective funds is believed to be self explanatory as presented in the Balance Sheets.

The records of the Treasurer, General Secretary and Business Manager were examined and found to be in agreement. All vouchers were examined and found to bear proper authorization for payment.

I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation received during the course of my examination, and assure you that I shall be pleased to furnish any additional information contained in my files that you may desire.

ORAN WADSACK

Certified Public Accountant

EXHIBIT A — Balance Sheet — June 30, 1949

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash on Hand — Editor	\$ 200.00
Cash in Banks:	
Treasurer	\$26,967.14
General Secretary	4,300.00
Business Manager	500.00
Total Current Assets	<u>\$31,967.14</u>

INVESTMENTS:

U. S. Savings Bonds, Valued at Cost — Schedule 1	22,250.00
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OTHER ASSETS:

Deposit — U. S. Post Office	\$ 133.63
Telephone Deposit	15.00
	<u>148.63</u>

PREPAID EXPENSE:

Prepaid Directory Expense	\$ 4,125.48
Prepaid Catalog Expense	549.55
Total Assets	<u>\$59,040.80</u>

NET WORTH

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Life Membership Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Net Worth July 1, 1948	\$44,858.97	\$11,505.73	\$56,364.70
Add: Net Income — Exhibit "B"	18,481.30		18,481.30
Net Income — Exhibit "D"		1,448.21	1,448.21
Total	<u>\$63,340.27</u>	<u>\$12,953.94</u>	<u>\$76,294.21</u>
Less: Net Loss — Exhibit "C"	17,253.41		17,253.41
Net Worth, June 30, 1949	<u>\$46,086.86</u>	<u>\$12,953.94</u>	<u>\$59,040.80</u>

EXHIBIT B — Comparative Statement of Income and Expense for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1949, and June 30, 1948

GENERAL TRANSACTIONS

	<i>Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1949</i>	<i>June 30 1948</i>
INCOME:		
Membership Dues (Except Life Memberships)	\$36,225.70	\$23,897.80
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	1,065.00	
Sales of Medals, Buttons and Bars	68.00	133.00
Sales of Reprints and Publications	237.98	365.70
Interest on Government Bonds	489.47	850.00
Interest on Savings Bank Balances	151.40	76.66
Dividends from Closed Bank		56.48
Miscellaneous	332.69	
Total Income	<u>\$38,570.24</u>	<u>\$25,379.64</u>

EXPENSES:

Salary of General Secretary	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,485.00
Salary of Librarian	625.00	750.00
Other Salaries and Expense Paid by General Secretary	2,623.81	2,531.14
Expenses of Librarian	339.70	955.54
Printing and Stationery	1,088.60	1,288.55
Postage	2,268.28	2,185.00
Membership Directory (one-third)	2,202.74	
Library Catalog (one-third)	274.78	
Expenses of President	945.32	1,404.81
Travel Expense — General Secretary	823.55	1,352.69
Other Officers	1,102.00	1,155.77

M648575F	Oct. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1957	740.00	767.00
D594444F	Oct. 1, 1946	Oct. 1, 1958	370.00	377.00
M1070119F	Oct. 1, 1946	Oct. 1, 1958	740.00	754.00
M1070121F	Oct. 1, 1946	Oct. 1, 1958	740.00	754.00

Series G:

M5967737G	Oct. 1, 1947	Oct. 1, 1959	1,000.00	745.00
M5967738G	Oct. 1, 1947	Oct. 1, 1959	1,000.00	745.00
M5967739G	Oct. 1, 1947	Oct. 1, 1959	1,000.00	745.00
Total Life Membership Fund			\$10,770.00	\$10,424.00
Total			\$22,250.00	\$21,614.00

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Membership Report — Fiscal Year 1948-49

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

<i>Class</i>	<i>1945-46</i>	<i>1946-47</i>	<i>1947-48</i>	<i>1948-49</i>
Regular*	5937	7010	8139	7725
Associate	31	39	46	57
Life	120	177	182	213
Honorary	11	10	9	12
Totals	6098	7236	8376	8007

*Includes corporate, junior and inactive members.

Applications pending.....115

Non-member subscribers.....665

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

Regular	1323	1693	1830	1364
Associate	10	7	8	11
Totals	1333	1700	1838	1375

TRANSFERS

Regular to Life.....	40	58	5	32
Associate to Regular	1	0	0	0
Regular to Associate	0	0	2	7
Associate to Life....	1	1	0	0
Reinstatements	66	112	66	56

OTHER CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Deceased	35	42	53	71
Resigned	97	115	187	535
Suspended	273	403	523	1191
Expelled	0	2	1	3

NET MEMBERSHIP GAIN

1944-45	811 gain	19.3%
1945-46	1094 gain	21.9%
1946-47	1138 gain	18.6%
1947-48	1140 gain	15.8%
1948-49	369 loss	4.4%

LEWIS M. REAGAN, *General Secretary*

PROPOSERS AND VOUCHERS OF NEW MEMBERS 1948-1949

- 129 - Lewis M. Reagan
- 30 - E. A. Parker
- 29 - Earl Brown
- 28 - Edward Fogler
- 27 - Loyd B. Gettys
- 20 - M. O. E. Chell-Frost
- 18 - C. B. Edwards
- 16 - C. A. Brownell, Frank J. Katen, Philip W. Whiteley
- 13 - Helen G. Lewis, W. A. Philpott, Jr., I. E. Rumpf
- 12 - C. R. Ross, Arthur Sipe
- 11 - Max M. Schwartz, C. C. Shroyer
- 10 - Holmes H. Cessna, Dr. F. Stevens Epps, Horace M. Grant, H. E. Rowold,
Eugene D. Johnston
- 9 - Dan Brown, Henry B. Cary, Mrs. D. Dee DeNise, S. M. Koeppel, Kenneth
W. Lee, Luther H. Whitt
- 8 - David M. Bullowa, Lillard Culver, Frances M. Katen, Harry C. Mathews,
William Mertes, Vernon L. Oblisk, C. David Pierce, Oscar G.
Schilke, Edwin H. Weaver, R. S. Yeoman
- 7 - A. E. Bebee, Frank Bennett, Charles N. Boos, T. R. Hammer, A. Kosoff,
James D. Miller, Wilna B. Mackintosh, Christian Petersen, Del
Poizner, Carl T. Shelby, W. Laird Townsend, Harry S. Van Denberg
- 6 - F. X. Calico, L. C. Curb, Martin Kortjohn, C. Shirley Leachman, Willis
McKinney, Norman B. Mason, Stuart Mosher, William Poizner,
Philip J. Sherman, J. M. Taylor, B. A. Wagner, S. F. Zimmerman
- 5 - V. Leon Belt, L. Hellene Bohler, W. P. Bohler, Karl M. Brainard, Thelma
M. Case, Harold Colee, Hilario Ferrari, A. Hepner, Carl Metzger,
Jack W. Ogilvie, Glenn Ostrander, Lloyd Ruff, Harold N. Shepherd,
Joseph Silverman, Al Wick
- 4 - Carl Brandts, L. F. Brown, O. M. Campbell, Charles N. Cooley, Benjamin
Feder, C. E. Green, John P. Groom, Sherwood Henderson, Kenneth
Lobb, Michael Kolman, Jr., S. J. Matatics, G. M. Richardson, A. B.
Roton, Arthur Rutz, Earl C. Schill, Glenn B. Smedley, Joe Steele,
John P. Taylor
- 3 - 52 members signed three applications
- 2 - 129 members signed two applications
- 1 - 672 members signed one application

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The American Numismatic Association is fortunate in having among its members many students capable of conducting serious research and investigation and this has never been better evidenced than by the last 12 issues of **The Numismatist**. In addition to quality, our contributors have afforded variety, established series and exploration of new or neglected fields.

Many of the articles represent the results of years of study without thought of reward other than being able to share the acquired knowledge with fellow collectors. To those contributors I wish to offer my thanks. I also wish to thank those whose articles are on hand but not yet published and those who submitted manuscripts which proved unavailable.

During the last year your editor accepted the position of Acting Curator of Numismatics in the National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. The original U. S. Mint Collection is on exhibit here and affords a splendid opportunity for study and research. The library contains most of the standard reference works as well as many rare and long out-of print numismatic books.

Among the two million visitors who saw the National Coin Collection last year were many members of the A.N.A. and their enthusiastic interest is much appreciated by members of the staff. No collector visiting Washington should miss seeing this remarkable collection and if they can find time to pay us a visit it will be much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
STUART MOSHER, *Editor*

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1948-1949

The number of loans totaled 778 during the fiscal year ending June 30, an increase of 132 over the previous year. At the same time, the number of books shipped totaled 1,613 a decline of 22 over the previous year. The increase in borrowers is significant and encouraging, indicating increased use of the library.

There was a tremendous drop in the number of loans of catalogues. This was due largely to the fact that they were omitted from the new library list to save printing costs. A study of previous reports indicates that in other years standard catalogues and similar works accounted for one-third of the loans; the past year fewer than 70 such books were loaned. American Numismatic Association officers instructed the librarian to reduce the size of the library list. Some other works that were seldom borrowed also were omitted, to conserve space and thus reduce costs.

New York led in the number of loans with 215, California was second with 141, New Jersey was third with 102, Illinois fourth with 91 and Kansas fifth with 84. Pennsylvania was sixth with 70 and Ohio had just one less — 69. No books were shipped to Arkansas, Delaware, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont or Wyoming.

Queries from non-members totaled 516 and there were 161 queries from members exclusive of letters asking for loans. The queries from members were about books, book values and general information often requiring considerable effort.

Forty-seven donations were received during the year. These will be listed in the annual report for the full convention report, along with other information.

The librarian took over the additional work in August, 1948, of preparing the weekly newspaper article on numismatics, for use in dailies and other newspapers and publications in various parts of the country.

T. R. HAMMER, *Librarian*

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mr. President and Members:

The Auditing Committee has examined the report of the auditor and finds that it presents the correct and complete financial position of the Association and it recommends the acceptance of that report.

KENNETH W. LEE

B. M. EUBANKS

W. A. PHILPOTT, Jr., *Chairman*

It was moved and carried that the report of the auditing committee be accepted with thanks.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: At this time I call on Captain O. H. Dodson to give us a report of the Textbook Committee.

REPORT OF THE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

Captain Dodson's committee had prepared a very complete and detailed report on the proposed textbook, in which the scope, contents and style of the book were outlined and he read portions of this report. He announced that Professor Laurence Lee Howe of the University of Louisville would act as Editor of the book and as chairman of the committee and that work had progressed to the point where actual preparation of the manuscript could begin. Captain Dodson closed his report with the following statement:

I don't expect this is something you are going to be reading in six months. This is a long term project. We want a textbook that will be standard in university of the country for the next fifty years and we can't produce it in a short time. If we can produce a satisfactory manuscript in two or three years we will feel we are making progress.

Before we can present the proposition of having the textbook published at cost by the Federal Government, or other institution interested, the manuscript must be available for their study. We can continue this work and hope eventually to produce a textbook in which each member of this association may take pride.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Captain Dodson. At this time we will hear the first report of the Resolutions Committee, Ralph Mitchell, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the undersigned members of the Committee on Resolutions of the 58th Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association do hereby offer the following resolutions for your consideration:

Be it resolved therefore that:

1. We express gratitude for the excellence of our official organ, *The Numismatist* and give due credit to the editor, Stuart Mosher, and the business manager, Burton H. Saxton, whose combined efforts have made it invaluable to collectors.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 1 be adopted.

2. That we acknowledge the untiring efforts and labor of our librarian, Ted Hammer, and his methodical manner of handling records and rentals; and that he be instructed to acknowledge, with the thanks of the Association membership, all donations made to the library during the past fiscal year.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 2 be adopted.

3. That we express our appreciation for the untiring efforts of our General Secretary, Lewis M. Reagan, whose self-effacement has contributed materially to a smoothly running organization.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 3 be adopted.

4. Submitted by the Rochester and Buffalo clubs:

Article 7, Section 6 (e) reads: "It is the duty of the Resolutions Committee to consider all matters referred to it and report thereon, etc."

The wording therein contained, does not compel said committee to report on everything submitted, although that may have been intended.

To clarify said section and so that whatever is submitted MUST be reported out of said committee, the following paragraph is offered in resolution form:

RESOLVED that item (e) in Section 6 in Article 7 of the A.N.A. By-Laws be changed to read:

(e) A Resolutions Committee of not less than five (5) members whose duties shall be to consider and report on all matters referred to it, when called upon for their report.

We recommend that this resolution be passed on to the By-Laws Committee, whose duty it is to act upon it.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 4 be referred to the By-Laws Committee.

5. Submitted by the Rochester and Buffalo Clubs:

Resolved that Clubs requesting visits by A.N.A. Officers be required to pay expenses incurred and that any uninvited visits made, may not be done at A.N.A. expense.

This resolution is offered to curtail expenditures and thereby help toward operating on a balanced budget which has not been accomplished during the past two years, although the dues were increased for such purpose. More specifically, it is offered because all clubs cannot be visited, although they contribute to the general fund from which such traveling expenses have been paid.

After due consideration the unanimous opinion of the Resolutions Committee is that Resolution No. 5 be rejected as being contrary to the best interests of the entire membership of the American Numismatic Association.

[It might be pointed out to the members of the Buffalo and Rochester Clubs that the cost of official visitations is largely personal on the part of the visiting official, that cost to the Association is negligible, that many such official visits are to new clubs in an effort to assist in the organization of such clubs, that these clubs usually have no funds available for assisting with these costs, that it is a recognized duty of the Association to assist such clubs when invited to do so, and that no club visited, including both Buffalo and Rochester, has ever offered to pay any part of the expense of a visiting official except for the usual complimentary dinner ticket. The members of the local clubs should have and do have a sincere interest in the work of the Association and a visit by a national officer gives these members, many of whom are unable to attend annual conventions, an opportunity of learning at first hand just what is being attempted and accomplished, of discussing problems of mutual interest and of finding solutions to these problems. These discussions and a widening personal acquaintance with the members helps to make the work of the Association more effective and more efficient. This problem was discussed at some length at the 1948 convention. The authors of the above resolution might review the results of that discussion by reading Resolution No. 5, passed unanimously in Boston, and published on page 655 of the 1948 volume of *The Numismatist*.]

GENERAL SECRETARY

It was moved and carried that the recommendation of the Committee be accepted . . . i.e., the resolution was rejected.

6. Submitted by the Rochester and Buffalo Clubs:

The following resolution is offered for adoption so that members who do not attend annual conventions, may know in advance of such conventions, all proposals that will be submitted, and can thus instruct their proxies accordingly.

Resolved that all resolutions to be presented during A.N.A. Conventions, must be published in the August issue of *The Numismatist*. Resolutions not thus published for preview, may not be discussed or acted upon. Only exceptions to be permitted, are resolutions of "thank you" or courtesy nature.

After careful consideration and by unanimous vote of the Resolutions Committee, we recommend that Resolution No. 6 be rejected for the following reasons:

(a) Proper consideration of resolutions presented to the Committee would require a called meeting of the Committee, prior to the convention. This is not practicable and would probably be impossible.

(b) Resolutions published in the August issue would have to be presented prior to July 7.

(c) Most resolutions, except those of a routine nature, are the result of recommendations contained in officers' reports which are not prepared until after the close of the fiscal year on June 30 and not in the hands of the members until the convention . . . or

(d) Resolutions of an emergency nature which could not be anticipated or prepared prior to the convention.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 6 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted on the 22nd day of August, 1949.

Committee on Resolutions

RALPH A. MITCHELL, *Chairman*

DR. A. F. PRADEAU

LEONEL C. PANOSH

C. DAVID PIERCE

MRS. D. DEE DENISE

MR. MITCHELL: This concludes the resolutions to be presented at this morning's meeting. The rest will be given on Wednesday. All resolutions given this committee will definitely be reported upon. You may or may not agree, that does not matter. We are only asked for our opinions.

We have no intention of high-handedly pushing any article through, no intention of hurting anybody's feelings. Part of this group were up until twenty minutes to four, walking the corridors of the hotel, and none of those people had any intention of being critical or felt any animosity for anyone. We are here for fun and that is our deal. We want it run as a business organization and for that reason our opinions are given to you. We therefore submit these resolutions to you and thank you for your action taken, and submit them for the Committee at the first session.

The President next called for the report of the Illustration Slide Committee, of which Vice President Sheldon is the chairman.

REPORT

EDWARD T. NEWELL EXTENSION OF NUMISMATIC KNOWLEDGE COMMITTEE

This Committee during the fraternal year of 1948-49 has followed a serious continuation in the making of coin and metal impressions to increase the Committee's cabinet of U. S. types and rarities. Completion and release has been accomplished with one set. The Colonial Paper and Hard Money Lecture Set is now in active circulation. This set of slides must be supplemented with another in order to complete the entire Colonial Series.

Three sets have been completed and released covering all the U. S. Commemorative Types. These are now available on requisition by all corporate clubs and district representatives of the American Numismatic Association.

During the National Coin Week, a quantity of slides were supplied and used over the television coaxial cable hook-up. These were broadcast out of Chicago over the Camel Hour and proved excellent material for television reproduction. This experiment opens an entirely new avenue through which to present numismatics as an entertainment feature to the American public.

It is sincerely hoped that the participants in the 1950 National Coin Week will avail themselves of the Association's Illustration Slides for television programs.

At the moment, your Committee is working on U. S. Historical Medals, such as the Panama Pacific and those of the many expositions and events, for release during the coming months.

Our General Secretary has been traveling and meeting with Clubs using a pilot set-up of illustration slides and a projector purchased for his use. This was arranged so that corporate clubs could view the advantages of using illustration slides.

It is anticipated that with four sets of slides now completed and available the next few months will see this increase to eight sets, including the United States Historical Series and Type Sets of U. S. coins no longer in circulation.

The American Numismatic Association is hopeful that all restrictions concerning the use of impressed illustration slides for educational Numismatics will soon be cleared by the proper U. S. Governmental Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY X. BOOSEL

DR. J. H. JUDD

GLENN B. SMEDLEY

M. VERNON SHELDON, *Chairman*

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted with thanks.

The President invited C. H. Ryan to present the greetings and best wishes of Farran Zerbe. Mr. Ryan spoke as follows:

Ladies and gentleman, I haven't got a communication to read, but it was my pleasure and privilege to visit with one of the outstanding

numismatists of all time. He was the founder of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and shortly before leaving Brooklyn he called me on the telephone and I visited him at his hotel in New York. He asked me to convey to this assemblage his hearty felicitations and warmest greetings, particularly to the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and present his regrets for his inability to attend.

As most of you know, Mr. Farran Zerbe is handicapped to the extent that he cannot conveniently travel, however, he didn't want the opportunity to pass through the medium of my visit to California to bring along his warmest regards to the officers and members of the A.N.A. and to the officers and members of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Thank you.

It was moved and carried that these remarks be entered into the minutes of the convention and that the Association extend to Mr. Zerbe our thanks and best wishes.

The General Secretary read communications of regret from J. Douglas Ferguson, LeRoy Kurtzeborn, Joseph Silverman, George H. Blake, Ted Hammer. He announced that distribution of the Membership Medals would be made at the Wednesday session. Members were invited to pick up a copy of the Reports of Officers and to sign the official register. It was announced that all ballots and proxies must be delivered to the General Secretary by noon on Tuesday. Other announcements were made and the meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SESSION

The final business meeting of the American Numismatic Association was held in the Comstock Room of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California, Wednesday, August 24, 1949. The President of the Association, Loyd B. Gettys, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and presided.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: While we are taking a little time I will touch on my remarks of yesterday pertaining to the number of pages of the Numismatist very briefly.

For this coming year the number of pages of our magazine will be 112. The cost of printing a 112-page magazine versus a 128-page magazine will be approximately a saving of around \$4,800 to \$5,200. I don't mean to infer that the cost of printing the magazine for the coming year will show a saving of forty-eight or fifty-two hundred dollars over this year just past, but the cost of printing the magazine, providing our materials and labor, cost of materials and labor remain the same, will be approximately twenty-eight hundred dollars less this coming year than it was last year.

The reason it won't be any larger than that is that approximately seven months of this past year the magazine consisted of 128 pages. We either didn't think of it in time or at the commencement of our past fiscal year our magazine would have been 112 pages regardless of whether or not we would have to curtail an article on numismatics until we could have made the other saving mentioned, like the elimination of rates to advertising, etc.

I thought I'd give you this little explanation of the cost of the various sizes of the magazine. We have to print it in multiples of sixteen pages, I believe. You can't print one hundred twenty pages, or one hundred sixteen. It has to be one hundred twelve or one hundred twenty-eight.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: At this time we will give out the membership medals.

MR. REAGAN: Most of you may recall that at the Buffalo Convention it was authorized to strike a medal in silver and present it to each of our members who have completed at least twenty-five years of continuous membership and a similar medal in gold, for those completing fifty years of membership.

We have already given out quite a number of these medals for those qualified to receive them last year, but it wasn't possible to do it in a public way. A good many of the members who have qualified are not present at this convention, but for those who are we would like to present those medals and the others will be sent by mail immediately after the convention.

I am going to read the names of those who are to receive them this year, and if you will come forward and receive your certificate then I will give you the medal at our mutual convenience. Then I will publish as part of the proceedings of this convention a complete list of those who have received the medals.

Incidentally, if you haven't seen these medals I have a pair of them on exhibit in the A.N.A. exhibit case downstairs. The first medal was due for presentation a great many years ago, if we had had the medal at that time. Michael P. Carey is the first one, Member No. 382.

GOLD MEDALS

George F. Marlier

A. Hepner

SILVER MEDALS

Michael P. Cary
Harry W. Rapp
William F. Sunday
L. W. Hoffecker
Albert A. Grinnell
Alden S. Boyer
Marie G. Boyer
J. U. Gillespie
Norman Picht
Bernard Bluestone
Richard A. Mason
Ambrose J. Brown
Thomas F. Barry
Charles A. Baumann
Edward A. Gilroy
J. Douglas Ferguson
Harrold E. Gillingham
Martin S. Meigs
H. A. Brand
William F. Schulz
Charles L. Blumenschein
Samuel T. Waidelich
Frank B. Ruwwe
Norris Bruce
J. J. Gonzales
W. L. Lineback
Ernest Jonas
Otto Kersteiner
T. J. Barnes
John J. R. Kelly
F. G. Payne
Leon Marcotte
Harley L. Freeman
Leonidas Westervelt
Frederic E. Hodge
John Zug
Adam Pletz

O. P. Eklund
John B. Boss
Roland L. DeHaan
George L. Hamilton
George F. Brown
Ernest Cerny
William A. Philpott, Jr.
Benjamin C. Porter, Jr.
William Rabin
C. H. Martin
William D. Morrill
Alphonse Kolb
Edward Fleider
Lloyd E. Sherow
William A. Gaede
Dr. Alexander M. Rackus
W. H. Thomas
William C. Piper
Gustav H. Emery
Theodore T. Belote
Leander McCormick-Goodhart
Hoyt Miller
Howard H. Hanlon
Harvey L. Hansen
Howard D. Gibbs
Norman Shultz
John C. Thatcher
Fred W. Noetzel
Roy M. Meiklejohn
L. R. Noyes
Octave Pelletier
Theodore G. Kaufman
Leonard Kusterer
Dr. M. W. Emrick
H. M. Grant
J. E. Newstrom
A. W. Morris

JUNIOR COIN CLUB COMMITTEE

Captain Dodson presented the report of the Junior Coin Club Committee, following which it was moved and carried that the report be accepted with thanks, and the recommendations contained therein were referred to the Executive Board.

1. Purpose:

The Junior Coin Club Committee was appointed by President Gettys in order to establish a definite sustained program which would make available to junior collectors the sound advice and encouragement of experienced adult numismatists.

The committee consisted of sixteen adult A.N.A. members located throughout the United States and Canada, each assigned a certain geographic area. Under adult guidance by committee members and other A.N.A. sponsors efforts were made to give Junior collectors satisfactory answers to the following basic questions:

Why have a hobby?

Why collect coins as a hobby?

What should I collect first?

Where do I get the coins?

If purchased, how much should I pay?

Why is condition of coins important?

What should I know about my coins?

How should I care for and preserve my coins?

How should I exhibit my coins?

2. Means:

Initial progress toward the above goal was accomplished through contacting teen-age boys and girls who were interested in our hobby. These were reached through the Boy Scouts, Principals of High Schools, the YMCA and YWCA, the Directors of Young Peoples Church groups, the Metropolitan Boys' Club, the Campfire Girls, the Order of the DeMolay and various local junior civic organizations.

3. Accomplishments:

The work of the committee resulted in the organization of eleven new Junior Coin Clubs.

In addition the sixteen committee members and other adult A.N.A. sponsors made a total of about one hundred and twenty talks on numismatics before various young peoples' groups.

4. Recommendations:

The following recommendations are made for consideration by the Board of Overseers.

(a) That the A.N.A. reduce annual dues for Junior members from \$5.00 to \$3.00.

(b) That the A.N.A. provide one copy of the *Numismatist* free to each newly organized Junior Coin Club for a period of one year after the club is formed.

(c) That one page in each issue of the *Numismatist* be devoted to Junior Coin Club activities.

5. Conclusion:

(a) This report should not be concluded without mention of the splendid work accomplished by Junior Clubs which have been in existence for several years and for which the present committee takes no credit. It is desired particularly to mention the Junior Club of San Francisco, functioning since 1934, and the Junior Clubs of Rochester, New York and Winnipeg, Canada.

(b) In one year we did not expect to set the prairies on fire. Rather we visualize this program in the nature of a Five-year plan. To be carried forward the project must receive the energetic backing of future A.N.A. officials and of the adult membership.

(c) From today's teen-age boys and girls will come the numismatists and the A.N.A. members of tomorrow. In this Junior Coin Club work we hope to lay a solid foundation for the continuous growth and development of the A.N.A. But even more important is the guidance given our nation's most priceless asset — our boys and girls — in helping them to enjoy the benefits of the most educational and the most cultural of all hobbies.

Very Respectfully,
O. H. DODSON, *Chairman*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAPERS

The Committee on Papers is pleased to report the receipt of 17 papers, titles and authors listed below, and the promise of some additional papers which will be sent directly to the Editor. This is not a record-breaking report, but because of the large number of papers presented last year, many of which have not yet been published due to lack of space, this choice lot of papers will provide the editor with material for many months to come. The Committee thanks all those members who have submitted papers and all those who assisted in any way with this important function.

SOL KAPLAN, *Chairman*
ARLIE SLABAUGH
MRS. D. D. DENISE
LEONEL C. PANOSH

LIST OF PAPERS SUBMITTED

TO THE 1949 AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

1. **A Cent is a Cent — Not a Penny**, Elston G. Bradfield.
2. **Medium of Exchange**, J. William Decker.
3. **Roman Coinage**, Ambrose P. Spencer.
4. **Coins of Jewish History**, Alfred Phillipson.
5. **A Treatise of the Coinage of the Roman Empire**, Edward L. Weilkert, Jr.
6. **Our Roman Coinage**, T. W. Ward.
7. **English Regal Copper Coinage**, Charles V. Kappen.
8. **Papal Medals**, Joseph Coffin.
9. **Lincoln Heads Cents**, James F. O'Brien.
10. **The Evolution of Coins**, Carl Yourney.
11. **The American Quarter Dollar**, Tom Detoro.
12. **Step up to the Alter**, C. B. Edwards.
13. **Papal Coinage**, James McAvoy.
14. **Forty Years of Coin Collecting**, William H. Sternberg.
15. **Coin Shortage**, William C. Boston.
16. **Pattern Coins**, William C. Boston.
17. **Some Numismatic Idiosyncrasies**, Gunnar Anderson.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the papers be forwarded to the editor.

REGARDING THE NUMISMATIC TEXTBOOK

President Gettys addressed the Convention as follows:

There are two men to whom I am going to express tribute this morning. One is Lee Hewitt, of Chicago. About two years ago Lee dropped a note suggesting that I inaugurate as one of the A.N.A. projects the writing of numismatic articles for the purpose of distribution to the various newspapers and periodicals in this country. That was Lee Hewitt's idea that he gave to me, and we have started on that program and we are now furnishing articles to newspapers and magazines of which the circulation is well over three and a half million.

Likewise, about two years ago I dropped into Burton Saxton's office in Cedar Rapids. We were having a visit about A.N.A. affairs and in this conversation it was mentioned that on several occasions we had heard the question asked, "What has the A.N.A. ever done?" I asked Burton if he had an idea that the A.N.A. could put their teeth into and come up with something that would give our members a chance to answer that question concretely. Burton Saxton said, "Why not go after a numismatic textbook?" So from his idea you have heard how far it has developed from the fine report that Captain Dodson gave to this convention yesterday.

I feel that Burton deserves a great hand of good fellowship for the constructive idea that has allowed us to embark upon the numismatic textbook idea and I would like to have this convention give an expression of recognition to these fine men for two very good suggestions, with proper certificate. In the meantime, while you are thinking that over, Burton, will you stand up and we will give you a rousing cheer this morning. (Applause)

I know you all appreciate very much, particularly Burton Saxton's idea, because it was entirely his and to him goes all of the credit. I would entertain a motion, if it is agreeable, to present these two chaps with a little certificate of good will and appreciation.

... A motion was made by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that this action be done. ...

... The motion was carried. ...

MR. SAXTON: Mr. President, this is indeed a little surprise to me.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: Well, better late than never.

MR. SAXTON: Mr. President, I think it is not late because the textbook isn't yet on the press, but nevertheless I have been very happy over the reception which — first of all — you gave the idea. We discussed it and you received it favorably and from that attempt the matter has developed, I think certainly and steadily, and I do believe with proper cooperation of the A.N.A. and the publishers it does hold splendid possibilities for the future and a good many recruits can be had to our own collecting from tentative readers. I do appreciate your own presentation of the matter which comes as a surprise and I am very grateful of the interest that has been shown in this planned textbook.

REGARDING THE PRINTING OF THE NUMISMATIST

Mr. John J. Pittman, Rochester, New York, requested the floor and spoke as follows:

"Mr. President, fellow members, this matter that I am going to speak upon and about which I will read a letter, has to do with certain actions of the A.N.A. in the past. This is a letter of communication from the J. W. Stowell Printing Company, of Federalsburg, Maryland. These men printed *The Numismatist* over a great number of years and presently they do not print *The Numismatist*, but they wrote me an open letter and asked that I present it to the members of A.N.A. in convention and if possible the Board of Governors, Executive Board, and take such action as may be deemed advisable. I will read the letter."

A letter from the J. W. Stowell Printing Company was read, the substance of which was that this company was prepared to resume the printing of *The Numismatist* and requested consideration of this offer. There was a considerable amount of discussion of this matter, and reference to other correspondence, not available at the moment. The President reviewed some of the circumstances which led to a change of printers over a year ago, the difficulty in obtaining a printer with adequate facilities to properly meet our requirements, and the manner in which our present printer was chosen.

It was moved and carried that this matter be referred to the Executive Board for full investigation. Following this action Vice President Sheldon [and President-elect] stated that the new Board would prepare a draft asking for bids from several publishers, including the J. W. Stowell Company, and that the result of this investigation would be reported to the membership.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

7. Submitted by The Rochester Club:

Resolution suggesting better geographical distribution of members of the Board of Governors, offered for adoption by the Buffalo Numismatic Association of Buffalo, New York.

Whereas, the Federal Charter and Constitution of the American Numismatic Association, in Section Five (5), directs "that the control of such corporation shall be vested in a board of five (5) governors, to be elected by the members of such association, "and

Whereas, better geographical representation would prevail if governors were chosen from designated areas on the basis of one (1) representative for approximately 900 members as is illustrated on prepared map, "and

Whereas, such arrangement would require nine (9) governors instead of five (5),

Therefore, be it resolved that the present Board of five (5) governors be requested to take necessary steps to legally effect such change so that it may become effective during the 1950 election.

Members of the Committee feel that this resolution has merit, but because this constitutes a change in our National Charter, we recommend the approval of this be given by the members present and passed on to the Board of Governors for their further study and action.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 7 be referred to the Board of Governors, after it was observed during the discussion that there is little hope or possibility of obtaining congressional action on such a matter within the next year, and the following comment, shared by many others, by B. Max Mehl:

"Don't you think nine directors would be a little too many? I think you have a heck of a time getting together now. I don't think that geography has a great deal to do with our association. It is not like Congress where everybody wants something for his section of the country. Our men want something for the A.N.A. as a whole. I don't see any use in changing from five to nine. I think it would just muddy the water."

8. Submitted by The New York Numismatic Club:

Following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the New York Numismatic Club, July 8, 1949:

RESOLVED, that the members of The New York Numismatic Club are opposed to the spending of funds for excessive travel by officers and board members of the American Numismatic Association, and that any sums appropriated for this purpose shall be approved by members of the Association at the annual convention.

Because this is essentially the same matter as that covered in Resolution 5, and because under our constitution and by-laws it is the sole prerogative of the Executive Board to make appropriations and approve expenditures, the committee recommends that it be rejected.

It was pointed out in the discussion that the authors of the Resolution had failed to define the word "excessive," that there had been but one meeting of the officers for which there had been any reimbursement of travel expense and then only a partial reimbursement, and one official meeting during the year

for the transaction of essential Association business could hardly be called "excessive." Furthermore, there is no evidence whatever that there has been excessive travel by officers under any reasonable definition of the term. Officers of the Association do give generously of their time and personal funds in the execution of their duties but they should not be expected to pay all of their travel expense. Such a policy would prevent the acceptance of an office by otherwise splendidly qualified members who may be unable to pay such expenses.

It was moved and carried (unanimously) that Resolution 8 be rejected.

9. Submitted by the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

Resolution adopted unanimously at the July 12th meeting of the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

RESOLVED that the New Jersey Numismatic Society and its members are opposed to the excessive spending of A.N.A. funds by the Officers and Board of Governors of that organization, and it is their wish that in the future, such expenditures shall be budgeted for approval in advance by the membership body.

Whereas, this is of the identical nature as Resolution 8, your Committee recommends the rejection of Resolution 9.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 9 be rejected.

10. Whereas the Numismatic Textbook Committee has labored diligently and accomplished much this last year toward the compilation of the planned textbook,

Be it therefore resolved:

That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Captain O. H. Dodson and his associates for their work and excellent progress as outlined in his splendid report, and that each member of that committee be awarded the Association's Medal of Merit.

The Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution 10.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 10 be adopted.

11. Whereas, it is almost impossible to handle the A.N.A. Convention, with its expanded auction and program catalog, without great financial loss. Under present arrangements the numismatic firm underwriting the convention catalog must put out about 13,000 catalogs. This is far too great a load for any member to assume, especially when we realize that bona fide bids will be received from only about 12 per cent of the A.N.A. roster.

Resolved: Therefore, that hereafter the auction be awarded by the Association to one of our dealer members, and that no secret commitments to any person or group be recognized in the awarding of the auction. We further suggest that a modest program and auction catalog be printed in an amount sufficient to take care of the needs of the members in attendance at the convention and of those members writing to the cataloger requesting a copy.

Upon recommendation of the Committee, it was moved and carried that Resolution 11 be adopted.

12. Whereas, Among our membership there are the best designers and engravers available, and, Whereas, our American Numismatic Association should lead in the advancement of medallic art,

Be it therefore resolved:

That our Association produce a medal each year, of a design and shape approved by the Medallic Arts Committee; that this medal be for sale to the membership, and to others interested in the medallic arts.

Your Committee also recommends that in addition to the medals for sale, several shall be struck each year with a special reverse for presentation purposes. This medal to be presented at each annual convention to the member having the best overall exhibit; another for the leading display of paper money; one each for U. S. issues, foreign, and ancients, etc. The various classifications to be fixed by the Executive Board.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 12 be adopted.

13. Whereas, it has become increasingly difficult to assist, encourage, and aid

the coin clubs affiliated with the A.N.A. At present they are 175 in number. This now is a too-large and time-consuming task for our District Secretaries to assume. Therefore,

Be it resolved: That the District Secretary set-up be transferred to a club delegate basis; from the membership of each club affiliated with the A.N.A. a delegate be appointed, each delegate to carry on the work with definite duties and responsibilities, some of which are:

- Fostering numismatic displays;
- Speaking to interested groups about our hobby;
- Acting as a public-relations man for the A.N.A.;
- Receiving applications for membership;
- Promoting desirable publicity for the A.N.A.;
- Organize a local speakers bureau;
- In general, representing the A.N.A.

That the club delegates be one-year appointments and under the supervision of the Second Vice President. That a bulletin be published monthly and sent to each representative, the bulletin to carry news, suggestions, and ideas for club and A.N.A. improvements and activities of the delegates — a regular A.N.A. sales medium.

It was pointed out in the discussion that for States or Districts in which there are no affiliated clubs, and for our overseas affiliates, the present District Secretary plan will be continued. The appointments are to be made by the President, in consultation with the Second Vice President, and the affiliated clubs will be invited to submit names of their own members particularly qualified for such appointment. The monthly bulletin, issued in accordance with this resolution to be mimeographed.

It was moved and carried (unanimously) that Resolution 13 be adopted.

As this resolution will require a slight change in the wording of sections in the By-Laws which refer to District Secretaries, the action by the membership on the resolution is considered by the Committee on By-Laws to be approval for such changes. At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Governors there was unanimous approval for the change, so that the matter has been referred to the By-Laws Committee for actual change, in accordance with Article 5, Section 8, which prescribes the procedure for amendment.

14. Inasmuch as in just three short years we will have an opportunity to celebrate the event of the first American coinage. In 1652 the first American coinage was the now-famous Pine Tree Shilling. In 1952 we should celebrate the tricentenary of that coin. Therefore,

Be it resolved: That the American Numismatic Association promote and work toward an issue to commemorate the Pine Tree Shilling. That we request Congress to issue a commemorative quarter (the shilling's worth was approximately a quarter) and inasmuch as there has been only one commemorative quarter (Isabella) issued by the United States mint, a commemorative 25-cent piece of the Pine Tree Shilling of 1652 would be in order.

Your Committee on Resolutions recommends that a Committee be appointed by the A.N.A. officers to formulate a detailed program for furthering the interest in pressing Congress for the striking of this Commemorative Quarter.

It was moved and carried that Resolution 14 be adopted.

15. Whereas, the local committee and many other A.N.A. members have worked diligently to make this highly successful and interesting convention, and

Whereas our energetic and efficient President Loyd B. Gettys, has given much of his own time and his own money in the furtherance of Association pursuits,

Be it therefore resolved:

That we extend to all of these mentioned, our very hearty thanks for all efforts expended to make this last fiscal year successful.

It was moved and carried (unanimously) that Resolution 15 be adopted.

Thus concludes the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. MITCHELL, *Chairman*

DR. A. F. PRADEAU

C. DAVID PIERCE

MRS. D. DEE DENISE

LEONEL C. PANOSH

It was moved and carried (unanimously and enthusiastically) that a vote of thanks be extended to the extremely able and conscientious Resolutions Committee for a grand job.

HEATH LITERARY AWARDS

It was moved by Mr. Pittman and seconded by Mr. Sheldon that the Association's annual *Numismatist Literary Awards* be changed in title and called the *Heath Literary Awards*. In the discussion George Bauer explained at some length, for the special benefit of our newer members, that Dr. George F. Heath was the founder of the Association and that such an honor to his memory would be especially appropriate. Mr. Bauer related many facts and incidents on the early history of the Association. Mr. Bauer is particularly qualified to speak on the early history of the Association as he has been a member almost from its beginning, has attended 35 annual conventions, has known personally nearly all of its officers, and has been active in its affairs for more than fifty years.

There was, of course, no objection to the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDWARD T. NEWELL VISUAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Vice President Sheldon proposed that the committee whose duty it is to manufacture the illustration slides and prepare the accompanying lectures, and to supervise the distribution of these slides to clubs for program purposes be changed in name. This committee had been created in 1941 at the Philadelphia convention and called "The Edward T. Newell Extension of Numismatic Knowledge Committee." The name was appropriate but too long for practical use. On the recommendation of Mr. Sheldon, it was moved and carried that the name be changed to the *Edward T. Newell Visual Education Committee*.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

President Gettys referred to Resolution 7, and invited Dr. John H. Wild to exhibit a map that he had prepared. The discussion follows:

PRESIDENT GETTYS: You heard the resolution about dividing up the territory and districts. Would you want to show your map a little bit, Dr. Wild, or have it ready and let them come up and look it over after awhile. Dr. Wild has a map of proposed geographical districts that he'd like very much to show to you.

DR. WILD: It will only take just a minute to hang it up here. The resolution is not of my making. The resolution was formed after discussions with a great number of members of several clubs for the purpose of insuring more representation of the Board of Governors. As an illustration, the south. It is almost impossible for the south ever to have anybody on the Board. I think as far back as I can remember the south had one man on the Board.

On this map you will find west of the Mississippi we have 2601 members. On that basis that would give those west of the Mississippi three representatives. California would have one of their own. The middle northern states of Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, have a membership of 1749. That would give them two representatives.

The other states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, all of New England, Delaware was added, as well as the District of Columbia, have a total of 5272. That would give them three. The south has almost 1900. That would give them one.

Then on your ballot the various areas would be apportioned, you'd be told the two from this area, as many names as you wish from each area. You would assure that the centralization would not be in New York or Pennsylvania, California, or anywhere else, and I think that is a movement in the proper direction. Thank you.

INVITATIONS FOR FUTURE CONVENTIONS

For 1950. The invitation presented by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society at the 1948 convention was accepted.

For 1951. Invitations have been received from Jacksonville, Florida, Miami, Florida, and from some other cities in Florida. Other invitations are in prospect, and when received will be referred to the Executive Board.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President and Members of the A.N.A.:

Your Election Committee has received, inspected and tabulated the total vote cast for the Officers and Members of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year 1949-1950.

We attest to the results as follows:

Total ballots mailed out.....	8007
Total ballots cast.....	3509
Total ballots invalidated.....	9
Total ballots validated.....	3500

Ballots for nominees were cast as follows:

M. Vernon Sheldon - President.....	2662
Col. Joseph Moss - 1st Vice Pres.....	2718
Leonel C. Panosh - 2nd Vice Pres.....	2507
Lewis M. Reagan - General Secretary.....	3173
George H. Blake - Treasurer.....	616
Harold R. Klein - Treasurer.....	2116
Martin F. Kortjohn - Treasurer.....	715

For Board of Governors:

Vernon L. Brown.....	2041
Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.....	2531
Frank J. Katen.....	665
C. David Pierce.....	1084
M. A. Powills.....	587
Charles L. Ruby.....	2233
C. H. Ryan.....	2086
C. C. Shroyer.....	1565
Dr. John H. Wild.....	934
R. S. Yeoman.....	2700

We do hereby declare the following officers and members of the Board of Governors duly elected:

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2.50 Ind. Hd.	5.00	5.75	5.25	6.25
1.00 Small Size	4.25	5.25	4.50	5.75
1.00 Large Size	4.00	4.85	4.50	5.75
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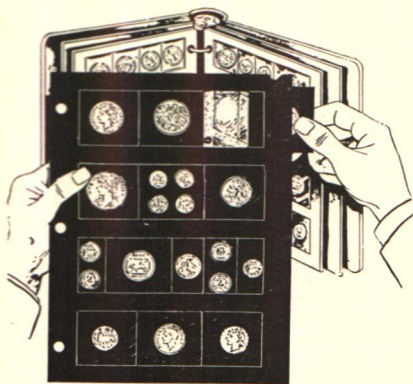
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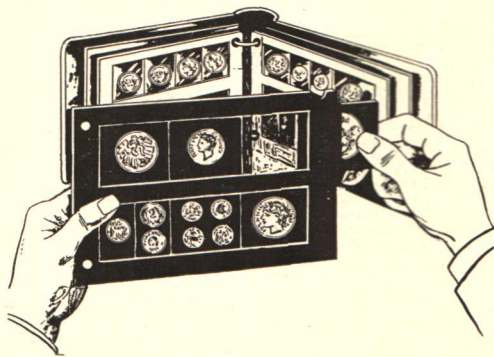
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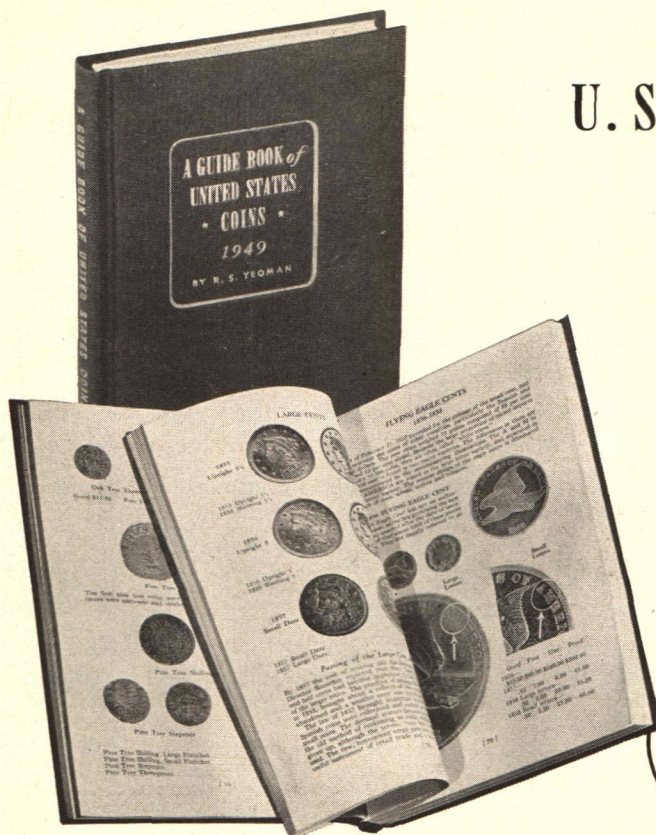
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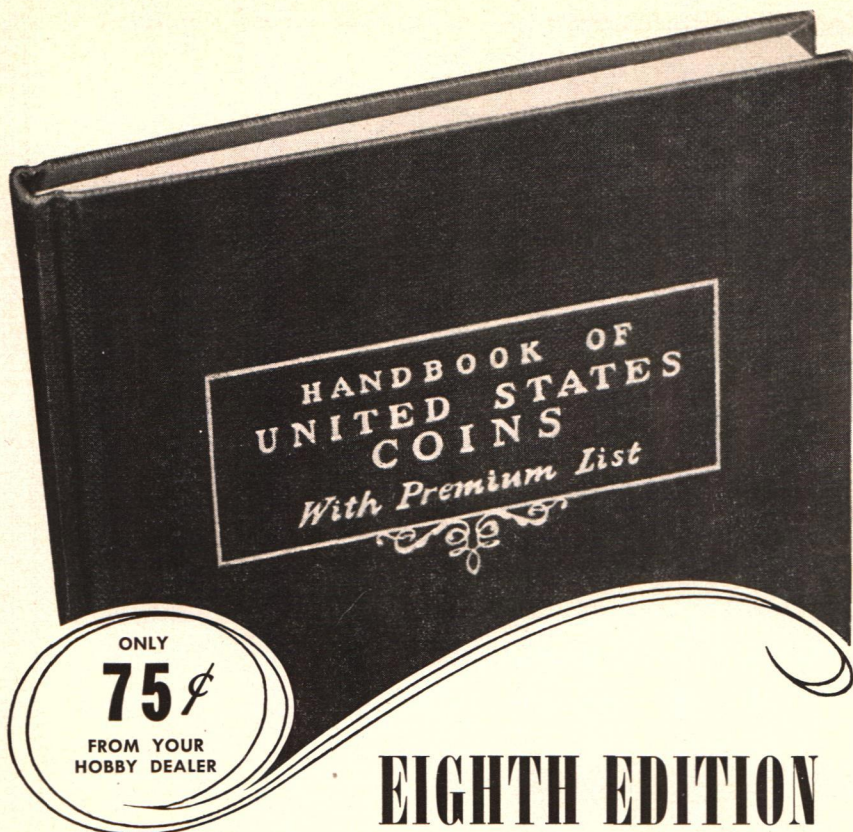
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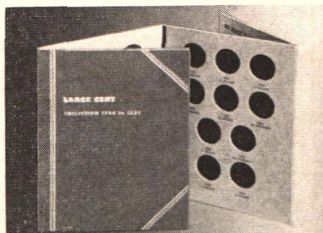
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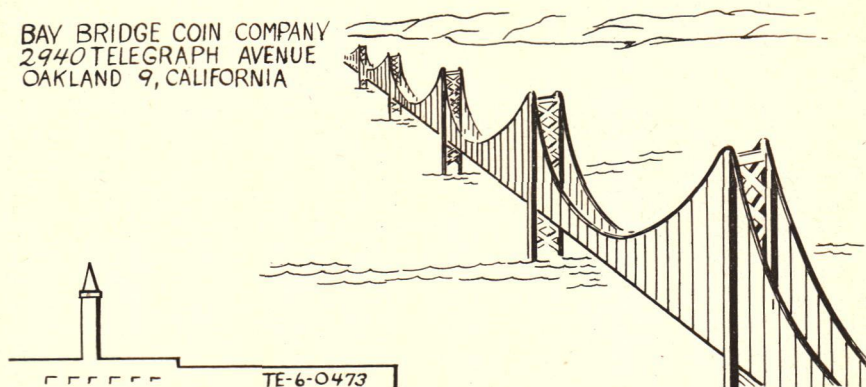
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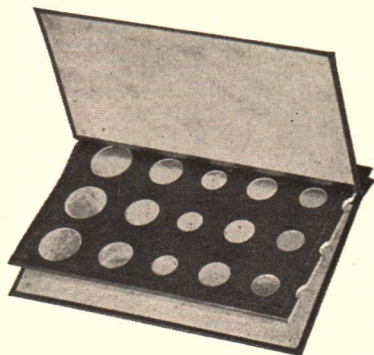
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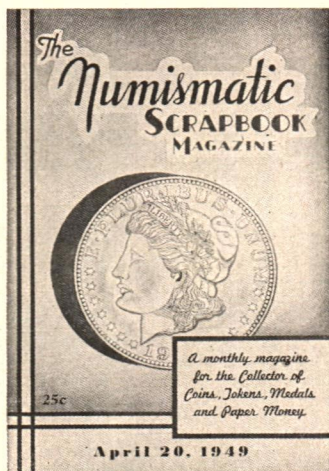
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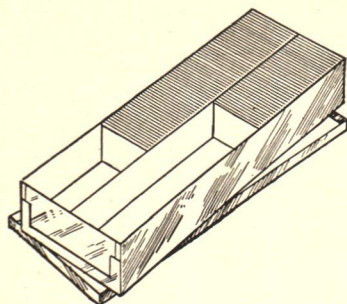
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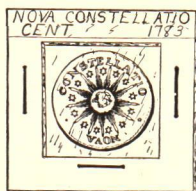
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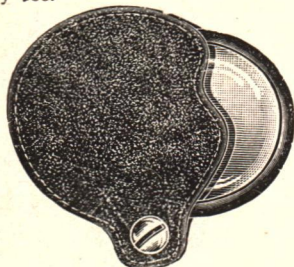
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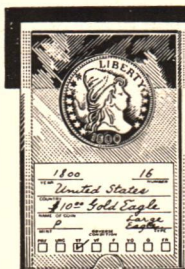
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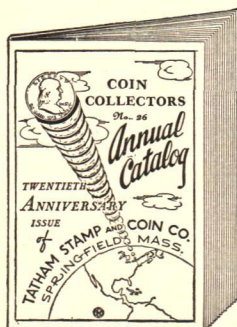
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It was moved and carried that the report of the Election Committee be accepted with thanks and that the General Secretary be authorized to destroy the ballots and proxies.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The President requested that the newly elected officers come forward and he invited B. Max Mehl to officiate in the installation. The proceedings were as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen, about thirty-five years ago there was a young fellow who came to San Francisco to attend a coin meeting. He brought his bride, and those of you who will look through the old *Numismatists* will see a rather outstanding couple. Those of you who take a look at the picture down on the desk in the lobby will also find that same couple. This gentleman has been in the coin business for lo these many years, forty-nine, and has been a credit to the industry. It gives me great pleasure at this time to ask Mr. B. Max Mehl if he will install the new officers of the American Numismatic Association.

MR. B. MAX MEHL: Thank you for those few kind words, Mr. President. I did have my good wife with me in 1914, but she was hardly a bride. We had our four-year-old daughter with us.

I, too, consider it a very distinct honor to install these fine gentlemen. I want to ask the President Elect to step forward. First I want to congratulate you. You are the 27th President to be elected to this fine and high office. I had the good fortune and pleasure to know all the presidents with the exception of the first two. The next four I knew personally after their terms of office, and all others I knew during their tenure of office. That makes me a pretty old guy.

Merrill, you have a fine bunch of predecessors to follow. They made some pretty big tracks. You are just about my size, a little smaller, in stature, but I know your heart is big, I know your ability is large, I feel confident with the honor presented you will serve the organization well. I speak for all the members here and the thousands over the country who wish you well and Godspeed in your new office.

MR. SHELTON: Thank you, Mr. Mehl.

MR. MEHL: First Vice President, Colonel Moss. It used to be said that the vice president is like the fifth wheel to a wagon. In this day of automobiles the fifth wheel comes in pretty handy. I think the President is very fortunate to have Col. Joseph Moss as First Vice President, an able conscientious Vice President, to give him advice and correct his errors, if any. The president will be very fortunate to have such a fine Vice President.

COL. MOSS: I want to thank everyone sincerely for this very fine honor. I only hope and pray that nobody will ever regret having elected me to this very important post. Thank you again.

MR. MEHL: I am sure, Colonel, there won't be any regrets at your election. The Second Vice President, Mr. Panosh. Congratulations, sir. I have never been able to find out what the heck the second vice president is good for. I think he will do all right, and I wish you luck, and whatever you do in office I know you will do it well. Congratulations, sir. Where is the Secretary?

Well, I don't think I have to install you, brother, you are already installed. I have known practically all of the secretaries, not because I have to be on their good side, but I don't recall of ever having a more efficient secretary in the American Numismatic Association. I mean that sincerely, Lew, and I wish you continued success in your office.

And Harold Klein. You know, Harold, I congratulate you on your election and listen, brother, this is *the* important office of our Association. Now, Harold is a banker and ought to know how to handle money. Congratulations. I wish you a lot of luck.

The Board of Governors, a wholesale lot. The Board of Governors are Vernon L. Brown, Dr. Judd, Charles L. Ruby, C. H. Ryan, and Richard S. Yeoman. This is a rather important job, fellows. It is said the south never had a representative. I don't claim to be from the deep south. I am a south-westerer.

A great many years ago *the powers that be* thought it advisable that once in a while they ought to have a dealer on the Board of Governors. Since then they seem to have changed their minds about it. You know you have a very important job there, to keep the officers in line. Sometimes they need to be held in line, but this Board before me — I won't say anything about your looks, but I know something about your ability. I know your association is certain of having a fine administration all the way around. I congratulate you and wish you a lot of luck, and know you will do your job.

I am not like a lawyer who gets up and doesn't know when to quit. I want to say one word to express my appreciation for the fine job good old Loyd did here for the past two years. It was a hell of a job and I think he did a swell job.

MR. GETTYS: Mr. President, may I have the floor for a moment?

MR. SHELDON: You may, Mr. President.

MR. GETTYS: I don't know of anything that will be of more pleasure or greater relief than to hand this gavel over to the newly elected president, but in handing this gavel to you, President Merrill Sheldon, goes with it my very great appreciation for his help and encouragement and I wish for him all success, that his administration will be successful, that the Association will be prosperous. If there is any way that I can help all he has to do is to ask and the job will be done if it is humanly possible. Don't ask me, "Do you have time?" Say, "I want you to do this," Merrill, and I'll do my best. With all good wishes for success for you and success for this Association, I hand you this gavel.

Mr. Merrill Sheldon, as the new President, took the chair. . . .

MR. MEHL: Let's give a rising vote of thanks to Loyd Gettys.

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

In 1938, this moment was born. Then began the busy cycle of A.N.A. offices, culminating with this installation as your responsible chief executive.

The horizon of A.N.A. numismatics has been just as changing, for behind the work of America's millions is a strengthening fabric of closely woven organizations of which our A.N.A. stands forth in design and purpose. A time honored birthright, and Federal Charter recognition, place with us a lasting obligation to educate.

Where once the discoverer carried a flag and for the first time left an imprint of the foot of man, we now indulge in convention and enjoy comfort and refinement of life.

San Francisco's commerce knows no nationality, and it speaks all languages. History and numismatics have been brightened by five generations of Californians.

The field of Territorial Gold issues remain open for studious research to bridge the gaps where facts are lacking.

A.N.A. members in each state are beckoned to seek out and write for permanent record their numismatic development and history.

The achievements of specialization are evident. All phases of modern life are so complex, and the standards of scholarship so exacting, that it is impossible for any one to master more than a narrow sector of knowledge. Scholarly papers in *The Numismatist* bear justification for specialization. Since America has become more international, this has been manifest in our collecting habits. Growth and development is taking place in numismatic illustration that offers a real service in visual education.

The growth of the American Numismatic Association will continue.

Thank you. I want to make that as brief as possible because with this new staff of officers this is probably a point in the development of our Association where we bear as much obligation to its membership body as at any time in the past. The Association is growing. Our economy is also everchanging and it behooves the new body of officers to work and progress this Association regardless of economic change.

We have a great social obligation and I am sure that we will do everything in our power to go along with it and to promote this A.N.A. Thank you.

Since we have no further business I declare this convention adjourned to reconvene in Milwaukee, in 1950, August 25 through the 28th. The exact facts will appear in *The Numismatist*.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a. m.

NOTE: The remainder of the Convention Report, including the social features, sidelights, and exhibits will appear in the November issue of **THE NUMISMATIST**. — Editor

M. VERNON SHELDON, Chicago, Illinois

Newly-elected President of the American Numismatic Association



At the convention in San Francisco, M. Vernon Sheldon of Chicago, Ill., was elected the 27th President of the Association, succeeding Loyd B. Gettys of Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Sheldon was born in Escanaba, Michigan, on October 20, 1901. He attended Montcolm Grammar School and Barry County High School. He studied engineering at the Universities of Michigan and Utah, followed by work at Armour Institute in Chicago and the University of Chicago. He began his engineering career in the mining districts of Utah, and then served as a supervisor for over 20 years in the Teletype Corporation in Chicago. He left this position to establish his own business, known as the Gagefix Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Sheldon began collecting coins about 1924 and has specialized in United States coins, and ancient Greek and Roman coins. He has written numerous papers on these fields. In recent years he has developed a special technique for the manufacturing of plastic slides of coins and has directed the production of several thousand of these slides. Mr. Sheldon is a life member of the A.N.A. He was the General Secretary from 1938 to 1944, a member of the Board of Governors from 1944 to 1947, First Vice President from 1947 to 1949. He was married to Marcella Beck of Waterloo, Iowa, in 1946, a few days after the Davenport convention. They reside at 451 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY VARIOUS MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1949

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars					
Quarter dollars					
Dimes					
Total Silver					
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces			\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	1,260,000
One-cent pieces					
Total Minor			\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	1,260,000
Total domestic coinage			\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	1,260,000

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Total Pieces
Philadelphia	China	Silver	Dollar	10,300,000
	Ethiopia	Bronze	10c	1,384,000
San Francisco	China	Silver	Dollar	3,200,000
	Mexico	Silver	Peso	750,000
Denver	China	Silver	Dollar	4,140,000
				19,774,000

ACCUMULATIVE MINT REPORT FOR 1949

	(Number of pieces struck)		
	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars - Regular	4,192,000		2,648,000
Half dollars - Booker T. Washington	12,004	12,004	12,004
Quarter dollars	7,900,000		7,419,600
Dimes	30,940,000		26,034,000
Five-cent pieces	17,152,000	9,716,000	15,853,000
One-cent pieces	160,890,000	52,250,000	87,677,500

A ROMAN HOLIDAY

By COL. PHARES O. SIGLER, A.N.A. 9346

Ancient coins may provide as much enjoyment to the casual collector as to the specialist if they are used to illustrate a particular phase of the social or economic history of their times and if a reasonable amount of research is devoted to the task. We all know that one could spend an entire lifetime studying these coins and merely scratch the surface, but this should not deter us from entirely neglecting this series.

Just why do so many different animals appear on Roman coins? It is true that some were portrayed because of their religious significance, certain ones being associated with various Roman gods. The pieces illustrated bring to mind the great love which the Romans had for the circus, the extravagance of which has given rise to our expression "a Roman holiday." By briefly examining the history of animals on Roman coins and by considering the various uses made of these wild beasts by their captors we can better visualize the reasons for their popularity with the Romans. If more attention appears to be devoted to this latter phase than to the coins themselves, my justification is that a complete study of any people is imperative to properly understand their numismatics and the lack of a fuller knowledge compels me to so limit the inquiry as to avoid, if possible, the pitfalls of a novice.

The circus provided the Romans with the excitement which their active lives required and with the bloodshed which seemed vital to their existence. Doubtless many of the animals appearing on their coins reflect the high esteem in which they were held due to their prowess in the arena. Some, no doubt, were to commemorate the first public exhibition of a strange animal which had previously been unknown to them. We find, for example, that elephants appeared on Roman coins after they were first introduced into Italy in 275 BC. Their enormous size, strength and longevity made them very popular and they soon became a symbol of eternity. Hippopotamus were frequently exhibited after they were first introduced by Scaurus in 58 BC. The majestic appearance of the lion also resulted in their appearance on many coins.

At the circus the chariot races and gladiatorial contests competed with exhibitions of strange animals and combats between various species, and between animals and gladiators. It was further enlivened with contests between the animals and well-trained native hunters who employed all of their skill in slaying the animals before the admiring audience. These exhibitions and contests were held in the Circus and Amphitheaters which were scattered all over the Roman Empire. The Colosseum at Rome was the largest of its type, having an arena of 281 feet by 127 feet, and a capacity of about 50,000 spectators. In the typical amphitheater the arena was raised above a structure containing cells for the wild beasts and a high wall surrounded the arena separating it from the seated audience. The lower seats were reserved for persons of rank and boxes were provided for the sponsors of the games and their friends.

The entire floors of some of the arenas were at times covered with water to create an artificial lake upon which sham naval battles were fought by slaves. In such an exhibition on Lake Lucinus in 52 AD, 100 warships manned by 19,000 men engaged in a gigantic battle resulting in much bloodshed and many drownings.

The circus was the only public spectacle at which men and women were not separated, and if this was not sufficient to insure its popularity, no admission charge was made of the spectators, the entire expenses of the games being borne by politically ambitious office seekers, statesmen who desired to retain their popularity at any cost, or by the State. The simplest and most humane event in the amphitheater consisted of exhibitions of exotic animals gathered from all over the Roman Empire by soldiers who seldom had an opportunity to enjoy the result of their dangerous labors in trapping these cunning jungle beasts. Among the animals appearing in the arena which are mentioned by historians are elephants, lions, tigers, crocodiles, lynxes, hippopotamus, rhinoceroses, apes, panthers, bears, boars, wolves, giraffes, ostriches, stags, leopards, antelopes, gozelles, and many different specie of rare birds. Newly acquired animals frequently were the center of attention in the parade, or *Pompa*, which preceded the circus.

In addition to being exhibited, the animals were frequently trained and we find that "apes were taught to ride dogs, drive chariots, or act in plays; * * * elephants danced to cymbals struck by other elephants, or they walked a rope, or sat down to tables * * *. Animals might be merely paraded in bright and humorous costumes; usually, however, they were made to fight one another, or with men, or they were hunted to death with arrows and javelins."¹

Venatio, the baiting of wild animals whether pitted against man or against each other, is said to have started in 186 B.C. when M. Fulvius exhibited lions and tigers in the arena. Later, lions became very popular and one was trained to gently play with hares, taking the tiny animals in his mouth and doing other tricks with them without any harm unless, of course, they died of fright. To add to the brutality of the various contests, the spectators who were fortunate enough to catch small tablets, called *tesserae*, which were tossed to the crowd, were entitled to enter the arena and slay deer, hare, sheep, boars, oxen, and birds, the carcasses of which they were permitted to carry away for their own use. Sometimes the animals and birds were turned into an arena which had trees and plants temporarily planted to resemble their native habitat and then at a sign given by the Emperor, or other high ranking official, the holders of the *tesserae* started to hunt down and kill the animals to replenish their larders.

The combats between animals were greatly varied. Elephants fought bulls, rhinoceroses were matched with bears, lions and tigers, and deers and other animals were brought to bay and killed by trained dogs. The skilled hunters, called *Bestiarii*, were especially schooled to appear in the arena. Some were condemned criminals, some slaves, and others hired themselves out for fixed fees. We shall see later that even the nobility sometimes took part in the contests. The safety of a hunter who failed to kill a charging animal with the first shot lay in his ability to nimbly turn or leap to elude the fierce charge of the beast, which was frequently made even more ferocious by being half-starved, lashed with whips, stung by darts, or burned by hot plates of iron fastened to them. Some hunters killed as many as twenty animals in a single event, but many of them left the arena in a much worse physical state than they entered it.

1. Durant, Will - Caesar and Christ. NY 1914 - p. 384.

We learn from Ranking² that "at the opening of his theatre, Pompey exhibited a variety of games and battles with wild beasts in which 500 lions were slain in five days. Eighteen elephants fought with one another, then with gladiators, and lastly, Getulian archers, who were hunters of wild elephants. Some [of the elephants] were killed, when the survivors grew mad and made terrible and furious efforts to break the iron grating which separated them from the spectators. * * * This * * * was the cause of Caesar's invention of the amphitheater, which was more convenient than the circus, and not exposed to such dangers." On Hardian's birthday, a thousand wild beasts were slain; 5,000 were slaughtered at the dedication of the amphitheater of Titus, and 11,000 are reported to have been killed to celebrate Trojan's Dacean victories.

Roman rulers apparently had excellent press agents. It is said that Commodus "was so perfect a bowman that with a hundred arrows he killed a hundred tigers in one exhibition. He would let a panther leap upon some condemned criminal and then slay the animal with one arrow, leaving the man unhurt, to die again."³ As though this was not enough to properly impress his subjects, he fought a hippopotamus, an elephant and a tiger before breakfast. Domitian exhibited his skill, if not his bravery, by killing a hundred wild beasts from his seat at a circus and it is claimed that he could shoot two arrows in quick succession into the head of an animal in such a manner that the arrows resembled a pair of horns. This should be a real challenge to Ripley.

Even after making ample allowance for exaggeration, the number of animals slaughtered at the games was so large that the supply of wild game in countries bordering the Mediterranean was greatly diminished for many years, and some species became extinct. Yet, as a lasting reward for their suffering and death, some of the animals shared the spotlight usually reserved for important personages by having their images permanently portrayed on the coinage of their tormentors.

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THE ATTRACTIONS OF NUMISMATICS

By DAVID M. BULLOWA, Philadelphia, Pa.

(A paper read before the Philadelphia Coin Club, June 21, 1949.)

This evening I shall try to explain in some measure what the attractions of numismatics are and why the study of this subject is more than the perfunctory performance of buying for one price and selling for another. There is in my mind no doubt whatsoever that numismatics as a professional full-time occupation requires that the knowledge and training brought to the subject be constantly exercised.

The main facets by which this attitude of mine may be discerned falls into three main groups:

1. Analysis of coins and deduction of origin.
2. Examination for discovery of new factors, not previously recorded.
3. Competent experience to disqualify fraudulent and deceptive pieces.

I have brought with me this evening examples which will explain the reason for each of these three governing factors.



The first piece is a copper specimen bearing upon the obverse the kangaroo of Australia with the word: Melbourne above and the inscription below with the date 1851. The reverse has a seated Liberty figure with the words above: United States. This specimen has the reverse die from which a number of Washington pieces were coined, including the draped bust and military bust Washington cents of 1783. This specimen is definite proof that the coinage of these pieces, as well as the dies, were manufactured in England. In itself a muling of dies for the American and Australian coinages is unusual, and although it is listed in Andrews, the standard work on Australian tokens, it is noted as a very scarce item. That the dies were saved for a period of more than 50 years is in itself extraordinary.

The second specimen to which I wish to draw particular attention is a pair of 1837 half eagles. I have made considerable research in a large number of publications covering gold coins; I have looked through a great many catalogs in which such specimens were sold in the past fifty years; and I am unable to find any mention of the two varieties of the 1837 half eagle which I now have before you. One of them is an unpublished variety, and there is apparently no record of its issue. The difference in the two specimens is in the reverse. In the left talon the eagle holds an olive branch with six leaves and there is one berry on the left. The arrows in the right talon are blunt and point straight. Upon the other specimen there is no berry and the arrow heads are pointed and extend differently. This is an example which will indicate what can be found in American coinage by close observation.



Rare Variety of 1837 Half Eagle



Common Variety of 1837 Half Eagle

The third section to which I wish to draw attention this evening is that of coins of spurious nature. In the last few years there has been an increased frequency in appearance of some of the American rarities. These specimens are to be divided into a number of groups; electrotypes, alterations, and complete fabrications. The 1856 cent which I have is a good example of an alteration. I also have one of the 1815 cent which has been skillfully altered from one of the same coins of that type. We must remember that it is only recently that catalogs and publications have been made popularly available, and that in 1850, for example, a collector who was shown an 1815 cent had no way of verifying that the specimen was not authentic unless he had actual mint reports and other data. This too would not have been conclusive since mint reports often fail to show coins which do exist and report coinages of which no specimens are known. This discrepancy occurs through the confusion of fiscal years used by the mint and calendar years which appear upon the coins.

In regard to electrotypes, I am showing a number of specimens including a 1793 of unusually choice manufacture and which would fool any but the most suspicious. The danger in coins like this lies in the fact that the average collector has no way of telling whether the coin is genuine or not and is bound to rely upon the dealer's judgment and integrity. This same condition prevails in the grading of coins, and very often a coin will make its appearance with the comment "formerly classified as uncirculated or proof" as the case may be and then be graded one degree lower. While it is true that all dealers will not agree on classification, it is hoped that all dealers can discern fraudulent specimens when offered to them irrespective of any pedigree which may be attached to them and that they are able to prove without possible reservation of any sort when a specimen does not meet every qualification of being strictly genuine.

I have also on exhibit a number of pieces which are obviously not genuine by their very nature, and an examination of these pieces should indicate from their style and workmanship alone that they are not the authentic article.

The ability to distinguish various specimens of questionable quality from authentic specimens is based very largely upon experience and actual handling of coins. It is not an ability which can be acquired from booklearning or from any phase of numismatics other than practical experience.

The degree to which a dealer is able to exercise this faculty and avoid the possibility of being victimized himself or unsuspectingly a purchaser with some doubtful or spurious specimen is actually the measure of his ability.

A great many of the specimens which I show this evening were manufactured by J. A. Bolen who was a diecutter in Massachusetts in the 1860s. In the 1880s there was published a brief check-list of his output giving indications of the number of specimens which he released. Most of the Colonial pieces which I show were produced by him and about forty pieces were made. Dr. F. S. Edwards of New York was responsible for the 1796 half cent and according to Froussard's work on half cents only twelve of these copies were made, following which the dies were destroyed. The large cents of 1793 are known as the Smith counterfeits and are unusually fine examples of his workmanship. The 1823 coin which I show is a most skillful alteration from a virtually uncirculated gem of 1828. Of all the coins shown here the only genuine specimens are the two gold half eagles and the Australian-American mule. The other specimens are either restrikes, electrotypes, alterations, or other efforts to deceive and appear to be other than what the item actually is. None of these items is kept in my store in order to avoid possibility of confusion with genuine specimens, and when needed for comparison must be specially sought. Specimens such as these are not for sale and are not loaned out at any time for any purpose.

In closing, I might state that the sale of spurious or fraudulent pieces whether for study purposes, research, or other noble pursuit is not to be considered and such specimens should be withdrawn from the trade so as never to come upon the market again. There are always sufficient pieces being manufactured by those so inclined to supply the market and the old specimens should be destroyed permanently.

Please notify your
General Secretary of any
changes in address.

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A PHILIPPINE-JAPANESE OVERSTRUCK COIN

By GILBERT S. PEREZ, Manila, P.I.

Bataan and Corregidor had fallen and General Homma wanted a medal to commemorate that glorious event and incidentally, the infamous Death March. It would not do to give mere copper medals to his brave, victorious officers. They must be silver medals.

But where was the silver? Fearing that they would be confined in hospitable Fort Santiago, no Manila engraver would acknowledge that he had any of the silver which may have been hoarded before the Japs had confiscated all that could be looted.

So General Homma went to the Crispulo Zamora engraving shop and asked the manager whether he could make a die.

Sure.

Can you strike a copper medal?

Sure.

Can you strike a silver medal?

No can do. No silver!

So General Homma ordered the engraving of a die. When it was finished, he came to the shop with a canvas bag filled to the brim with silver pesos and accompanied by three groups of military guards; one of which he placed at the front entrance of the shop and one at the rear entrance while the third ringed itself around the minting press.

Peso after peso was placed under the new die and peso after peso passed out of the press not a peso any more but a shining silver Homma Medal ready to be ceremoniously presented to the heroic planners of the historic Death March.

It is true that the design and the legends were strong and bold but not strong enough to entirely obliterate the words: *United States of America* on the obverse and *Filipinas* on the reverse. It was a medal that was still a Philippine peso coined for the Philippine Government and which could still be redeemed at the Philippine Treasury after the war if the holder would be foolish enough to want to cash it.



The obverse of the medal shows a legend of Japanese characters under which stands a Japanese soldier gazing across Manila Bay to Corregidor and Bataan.

The reverse shows two palm trees through which shines the Southern Cross. In the field, a legend in Japanese, chicken scratches itself in the tropical mists but not strong enough to obliterate the letters ED STATES O RICA.

Yes, Elmer, it is still a peso.
Is it rare?

Why shouldn't it be rare if practically all of the recipients of the award are now quietly resting in hillside caves from Manila to Aparri?

TULSA COIN CLUB MEMBERS



The rapid growth of the Tulsa Coin Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma, may be seen in the above photograph of members attending the annual picnic supper at the home of the club president, Mrs. C. S. Buxton.

Top Row: (Left to right) Charles Ross, C. R. Ross, ANA District Secretary, Harold Jenni, S. Maxwell Smith, Robert J. Shaw, E. C. Stewart, John F. Tolley, Joe W. Keeney, Glen D. Magoon, Harry L. Stokes, Robert I. Bradley.

Second Row from Top: Mrs. D. S. (Jule) Deem, Mrs. Herbert M. (Elma) Coulson, Mrs. Harold (Grace) Jenni, Mrs. S. Maxwell (Noi) Smith, Mrs. Glenn D. (Elta) Magoon, Mrs. John F. (Neva) Tolley, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Mrs. Harry L. (Audeal) Stokes, Miss Marjorie Tinney, Mrs. E. C. (Pearl) Stewart, Miss Marion Douglass.

Third Row from Top: Mrs. Bill T. (Ethel) Edwards, Mrs. C. R. (Mae) Ross, Mrs. Rufus L. (Lottie) Newby, Mrs. Avery (Nellie) Boucher, Mrs. Leon M. (Elizabeth) Anderson, Mrs. Joe (Maud) Keeney, Mrs. Robert A. (Inez) Chappell, Mrs. Richard L. (Lena) Barr, Mrs. Robert I. (Ruby) Bradley, Mrs. C. S. (Mildred) Buxton.

Bottom Row: Bill T. Edwards, Robert Wendell Edwards, Buddie Ross, Joe Boucher, Mrs. Robert J. (Evelyn) Shaw, Miss Patsy Jenni, Miss Helen Stewart, Jim Bradley, Richard L. Barr, Mrs. Ruth Moore of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

GERMAN WAR TOKENS ("NOTGELD")

By O. P. EKLUND, A.N.A. 1961, Spokane, Wash.

(Continued)

KAISERODA (SAXE-WEIMAR)

Private Issue

762. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., GEWERKSCHAFT (Manufacturing Co) * KAISER-ODA*. In center a small circle enclosing a pellet, in a beaded circle. Rev., WERT (a flower) PFENNIG (a flower), in the center 10, ("Value ten pfennig"). Zinc. 20 mm.

KAISERSLAUTERN (PFALZ)

The City

763. 5 pfennig 1917. Obv., shield of arms, (on a "silver" pale a fish upright, in "purple" field), KAISERSLAUTERN • 1917 • below. Rev., a large 5, KRIEGSGELD under. Zinc. 18 mm.
764. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.
765. 50 pfennig 1917. Similar but 50. 23 mm.
766. 50 pfennig 1917. Similar but the fish is larger, and the legend closer to the shield.



767. 50 pfennig 1917. Similar but iron. Second issue.

KANDERN (IN BADEN)

The Town

768. 5 pfennig 1917. Obv., KLEINGELDERSATZ (quatrefoil) 1917 (quatrefoil). Shield of arms (a "silver" tankard on "gold" field) in beaded circle. Rev., STADT GEMEINDE KANDERN*. In center 5. Zinc. 20 mm.
769. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 on reverse. 21 mm.
770. 20 pfennig 1917. Similar but 20. 23 mm.

KARLSRUHE (BADEN)

Private Issue by Louis L. Stern & Co.

771. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., LOUIS L. STERN & Co KARLSRUHE*. In the field 10 in circle of beads. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE***. In center 10 within corded circle. Zinc. Octagonal. 22 mm.

KAUFBEUREN (BAVARIA)

The Town

772. 10 pfennig 1917. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE KAUFBEUREN * 1917 *. Shield of arms (in left half a spread eagle cut in two, in the right a bar, or "bend," ornamented, between two stars, on "gold" and "red" field), in beaded circle. Rev., NOTGELD+PFENNIG+. In center 10 in beaded circle. Zinc. 20 mm.
773. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar except for date and a wider shield. Thin flan. 22 mm.

KEHL (BADEN)

The Town

774. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., KLEINGELD-ERSATZ. (three rosettes). Shield of arms (an anchor between two rosettes) in circle of tiny pellets. Rev., STADT GEMEINDE (rosette) KEHL A. RH. (rosette) ("On the Rhine"). In the field 5 within a beaded circle. Zinc. 19 mm.
775. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.
776. 5 pfennig n.d. (1918). Similar but small thick coin. 17 mm.
777. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar. 19 mm. (Second coinage).

KELBRA (SAXONY)

The City

778. 20 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT KELBRA AM. KYFFHAUSER* ("On the Kyffhauser mountain range"). In the field 20 in a circle of beads. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE***. In center 20 in corded circle. Zinc. Octagonal. 24 mm. (First issue).
779. 5 pfennig n.d. Similar but 5 both sides. Iron. Octagonal. 20 mm.
780. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10. Octagonal. 22 mm.

KELHEIM (BAVARIA)

The City

781. 5 pfennig 1917. Obv., STADT KELHEIM A D+ ("On the Donau" River). In the field a monument (the "Liberty Hall," started in 1842 and finished in 1863, commemorating victories over the French armies). Rev., *NOTGELD*. In the field 5|PFENNIG, 1917 below. Zinc. 18 mm.
782. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.
783. 50 pfennig 1917. Similar but 50. 24 mm.
784. 1 pfennig 1918. Similar except date and 1 on reverse. A small triangular hole below. Zinc. 18 mm.
785. 2 pfennig 1918. Similar but 2 on reverse. 20 mm.

KELLINGHUSEN (SCHL. HOLSTEIN)

Banking Society

786. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE. Shield of arms (in upper half a city wall with three towers and a gate, in the lower a sail boat in the sea), crowned. Rev., BANKVEREIN KELLINGHUSEN*. In the field 10 in a circle of beads. Zinc. 20 mm.
787. 20 pfennig n.d. Similar but 20 on reverse. 23 mm.
788. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar but 50. 24 mm.

KEMNATH (BAVARIA)

The Town

789. 50 pfennig 1921. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE*KEMNATH*. Ornate shield of arms (in upper half a lion rampant and the "checkers" of Bavaria, in the lower a tower on "red" field), crowned. Rev., NOTGELD*1921*. In center 50. Zinc. 22 mm.

KEMPEN (POSEN)

The Town

790. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE*KEMPEN i/P*. Ornamental shield of arms (a swan standing on a small wavy ball, or globe, to left), a small royal crown above (instead of the usual mural crown). Rev., KRIEGSGELD*. In center 10, PFENNIG below. Zinc. 20 mm.

KEMPTEN (BAVARIA)

The City

791. 10 pfennig 1917. Obv., STADT KEMPTEN*1917*. Shield of arms, (divided by a perpendicular line, to left a spread-eagle cut in half, to right a tall tower in the mountains). Rev., KRIEGSMUNZE***. In center 10. Zinc. 19 mm.



792. 50 pfennig 1917. Similar but 50 on reverse. 24 mm.
 793. 50 pfennig 1917. Similar but the legend on reverse is shorter and more compact.
 794. 2 pfennig 1920. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE ("Town Community") *KEMP-TEN*. Across the field NOTGELD. Rev. 2|PFENNIG|1920. Iron. Thick flan with milled edge. 16 mm.
Private Issue by a Cotton-cloth Mill
 795. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., MECH.BAUMWOOL-SPINN-U.WEBEREI*("mechanical cotton cloth spinnery and weavery") KEMP TEN*. In center 5 in beaded circle. Rev. 5. Iron. Octagonal. 21 mm.
 796. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10 both sides. Zinc. Octagonal. 22 mm.
 797. 20 pfennig n.d. Similar but 20. Octagonal. 24 mm.
 798. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar but 50. Octagonal. 26 mm.

KIRCHENHEIM (WURTEMBERG)

The City

799. 5 pfennig 1917. Obv., GULTIG IN DER STADT*KIRCHHEIM U/T* ("Unter Teck" below the Teck mountains). Shield of arms (in the upper part the deer's horn of Wurtemberg, on "golden" field, in the lower an ornate cross on "blue" field), at sides 19-17, within a beaded circle. Rev., STADT, KRIEGSGELD+PFENNIG+. In center 5. Zinc. 18 mm.
 800. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.
 801. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but iron. Thick flan.
 802. 10 pfennig n.d. (1918). Similar.
 803. 10 pfennig 1919. Similar except for date.

KIRCHENDEMENREUTH (BAVARIA)

Private Issue by Johann Enslein

804. 20 pfennig n.d. Obv., in center J.|ENSLEIN, below, KIRCHENDEMEN-REUTH. Rev., large 20. Brass. 22 mm.

KIRN (RHINE PROV.)

The City

805. 50 pfennig 1918. Obv., NOTGELD DER*STADT KIRN*. Shield of arms, (on "red" field two lions rampant face to face holding between them two "hooks" crossed), a mural crown above, at sides 19-18. Rev., KRIEGSGELD*PFENNIG*. In the field 50 within beaded circle. Zinc. 24 mm.

(To be continued)

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Write

T. R. HAMMER

336 N. Clifton

Wichita 8, Kansas

The Editors Corner

Prefers Foil Impressions to Paper

Dear Sir:

There are many times that we numismatists wish for a simple and effective method of letting a fellow collector, who may live at quite a distance, know exactly what some certain coin looks like. I have always regarded the old method of making a "rubbing" as rather messy and none too accurate in truly reproducing details.

The method I am now using seems far better, as per the enclosed impression. The coin is simply placed inside a folded piece of aluminum "kitchen-foil." Then a pad of several thicknesses of "Kleenex" is placed on the outsides of the sandwich, and the whole assembly is squeezed firmly in a small machinists vise. Possibly a disadvantage might be the fragility of the "pressing," but it isn't too important. Rather than the vise, the same results might possibly be obtained with the use of a rather large sized "dime-store" C-clamp, with a metal disc on the outside of the "Kleenex" to distribute the pressure.

Incidentally, the coin I used for my "sample," the Indian 1909-S, has a rather interesting story. I found my Lincoln 1909-S, V.D.B. from circulation, as many others have done. The 1909-S Indian being of somewhat shorter mintage, and the Indians themselves not circulating as freely as the Lincolns, I had just about resigned myself to enduring an empty space in my album. Then a friend in a drugstore, knowing I collected them, sent me five Indian-heads. I saw that one was a 1909, and merely from force of habit, more than anything else, I looked on the reverse. And there, shining up at me, was that highly unexpected "S". And the condition, "very fine" to "extremely fine." Maybe I'm just plain lucky.

Yours very truly,

—STUART STAIR, A.N.A. 12911
Knoxville, Tennessee

Recut Dates Not Always Unusual

To the Editor:

Your August issue carried an article by John J. Ford, Jr., in which he referred to the 1846 over 44 Silver Dollar. There seems to be no question about the fact that this item is a rarity. Mr. Ford's analysis of the 6 over 4 is entirely correct.

As for the 1846 re-engraved date, the specimen catalogued by me as very fine in the "World's Greatest Collection" (lot number 137) was estimated at \$20 and sold for \$20 (not \$25). The 6 over 4 was lot 135 and sold for \$195. Lot 136 was an 1846 perfect date in proof condition and brought \$85. Be assured the re-engraved date was not a proof.

I do not consider recut dates in the Silver Dollars of the 1840 vintage to be rare coins. For that matter the 1840's offer recut dates in almost every silver series and only confuse the collector.

Of course, if each date, or a majority of the dates, had such "die-varieties" that might justify the listing of each stage of the die. As it is, it definitely seems out of place in Standard Listings.

—A. KOSOFF,
Beverly Hills, California

Transportation Tokens Offered

Dear Editor:

It may interest collectors of transportation tokens to learn of those issued by the Midland (Texas) Bus Company. The company has a straight ten cent fare but postal employees in uniform are permitted to buy large tokens of a whitish metal reading MIDLAND BUS CO. GOOD FOR ONE FARE. These are not sold to the general public but I was fortunate in obtaining a limited quantity which I am willing to share with my fellow collectors. Send 10 cents (cost to me) and a self-addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

—KENNETH SMITH, ANA 12810
P.O. Box 888 Big Spring, Texas

Standard Classification Outlined

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Sometime ago I wrote you concerning classification and cataloguing of coins. Perhaps you will recall that you published the letter in *The Numismatist*.

Since that time I have thought a lot about this subject and have struggled (rather ineffectively) to create some sort of a catalogue of my own.

I am satisfied that if numismatics is to be anything more than a semi-scientific hit and miss matter there must be some sort of a complete reference catalogue or encyclopedia. The question is how can such a catalogue be prepared. We must assume that if it were financially profitable to publish a coin catalogue or encyclopedia it would have been done. The fact that it has not been done to date would indicate that there is little likelihood that it will be done under private auspices. Martin Kortjohn tells me that our Association considered bringing out such a catalogue but dropped the idea when it found that it would cost \$40,000-\$50,000 to do so. So there is where the matter stands to date as far as I know.

To develop a complete and accurate coin catalogue or encyclopedia will of necessity be a matter of considerable time in any event. I have examined many texts on coins and there seems to be a great variation in their apparent completeness and exactness. It is commonplace to see a coin listed in a sale with a notation "not in _____."

There are many texts on coins, none prepared with any relation to the others. There are many articles published on coins in *The Numismatist* and other magazines all with little or no relation to other articles. It is true that from time to time an index to *The Numismatist* is published, but it follows no fixed method of coin classification. We have a Department of New and Recent Issues, ably conducted by Ernst Kraus, but it follows no form of classification for the simple reason that there is no standard form to follow.

Feeling as I do that some start should be made along the line indicated I suggest that this be undertaken by *The Numismatist* in the following manner:

(1) That a plan for the classification of coins be developed (probably through a committee) and made available for distribution.

(2) That as far as possible texts covering various parts of the classi-

fication be listed, until such parts can be better covered.

(3) That the indexes of *The Numismatist* be hereafter issued in form compatible with such classification.

(4) That reports of New and Recent Issues be printed on one side of the page only and in a form following the classification.

(5) That articles of the encyclopedia type be written to develop parts of the entire plan.

(6) That recognized authorities be requested to write articles to develop parts of the entire plan.

If this is done methodically, ultimately with reprints of material made available we will end up with an excellent catalogue or encyclopedia and we will have a standard classification to which coins could be referred. Errors creep into all catalogue and encyclopediac material. As errors in texts and articles are discovered attention could be called to them and corrections made. As new issues and new issuing authorities arise provision for them in the classification could easily be made.

To test the soundness of my approach I have mentally set up a classification of Chinese coins (in which I am interested). It is very simple and if such a classification were set up the confusion which exists as to such coins would disappear.

It is easy enough to tell somebody else to do something. That is not my idea. I'd be glad to help do it.

If you think warranted I would be pleased to help as far as I can which would be mainly in the Chinese end of it.

Yours very truly,

EDGAR A. B. SPENCER
New York City

Waterbury Coin Club Reorganizes

During the past several years the Waterbury (Conn.) Coin Club has remained dormant. World War II and the death of several older members have been the contributing factors of this inactivity.

Now, with a new crop of coin collectors, interest has revived and the club has been reorganized. The first meeting since the beginning of World War II was held during the spring of 1949. The lively interest in evidence at this meeting promises much for the future of the club.

—ARLIE SLABAUGH

Notes & Queries

Dear Editor:

A few days ago the St. Louis Public Service Company again began issuing fare tokens which has been discontinued since April 25, 1948.

These "new" tokens will be the same type as were used thirty years ago but will be coated with copper. They bear no denomination but say "good for one fare" and each has a "U" cut out in the center. That represents the present company's predecessor, United Railways. Some of them carry the name of the late Rolla Wells, receiver of the United Railways when tokens were first employed in 1919.

I should be happy to supply these at cost, which is twelve cents each, plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Yours very truly,

— Wm. C. SCHULTE, ANA 16049
4144 Lindell Blvd.,
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Information on California Small Gold

From Kenneth W. Lee, 623 Security Bldg., Glendale, California, comes an interesting pamphlet containing an "Outline of California Gold; History and Coinage." Especial reference is made on the gold quarters, halves and dollars. This pamphlet was distributed to visitors at the recent San Francisco Convention and Mr. Lee states that he has a few hundred left and will be pleased to furnish a copy to any reader sending him a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Suggests Presidential Series

Dear Sir:

I presume this subject has been brought up innumerable times but as a comparatively recent collector of United States coins it has occurred to me that our coins should all have the head of the President during the years of his administration.

I think this would certainly be an incentive in creating additional coin collectors as well as a subject of very great interest to the collectors of a hundred years hence.

Sincerely,

W. H. CHASE
ANA 11694

Wooden Nickel Issued by Coin Club

Dear Sir:

To commemorate the 72nd Annual Watermelon Day of Rocky Ford, Colorado, the Arkansas Valley Coin Club has issued a souvenir Wooden Nickel in the shape and color of a large watermelon.

There were only 3,000 of these pieces issued and A. C. Overton, P.O. Box 893, Pueblo, Colorado is handling the sale to collectors at 10 cents each or three for 25 cents.

To Print Wooden Nickels

Dear Editor:

The Big Spring Centennial, West Texas' greatest spectacle in 100 years, will be celebrated October 2 to 8 inclusive. In connection with the celebration wooden nickels will be issued and interested collectors may obtain them from the Big Spring Centennial Association, P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring, Texas.

These wooden nickels bearing printed copy on both sides, will be legal tender in all retail establishments in Big Spring until October 4, and are being issued in a series consisting of 1, 2, and 5 wooden nickels. The price is 5c, 10c, 25c, or 40 cents for the set of three.

Yours truly

— PAUL T. HAAGEN,
Production Manager

Confederation Being Studied

John J. Ford, Jr., of Island Trees, New York, would like to hear from every owner of an *Inimica Tyrannis Americana*—Confederatio Cent, and every owner of any coin bearing the Confederatio reverse. He is trying to locate all known specimens of this interesting Colonial series as he is preparing an article for *The Numismatist*. A detailed description, state of preservation, and pedigree would be greatly appreciated.

Correct Address of Hollander Inc.

A typographical error on page 505 of the August issue of *The Numismatist* made the address of the above concern appear as 1220 Avenue of the Americas, New York City. This should have been 1227 instead of 1220. We are sorry.—Editor

Information Not Forthcoming

Dear Sir:

In the July issue of *The Numismatist* you were kind enough to print a letter of mine inquiring as to the reason for the incused letter "E" on the Quarters of 1815. While I received many letters from other collectors hoping along with me that someone would know the answer and write a letter to *The Numismatist* clearing it up, it seems that no one did. I do not doubt that had I asked for the current quotation on a 1909-S VDB cent or what type of motor car used by certain foreign rulers, I would have been deluged by replies. But it seems that anything that has to do with United States coins goes unanswered. I read lengthy learned articles about the facts that sometimes during coining operations, the dies crack and other dies must be prepared which means that no two men ever doing a thing the same, Numismatic knowledge is enriched by that fact that while one coin has a hair tickling the left ear of Liberty, a subsequent coin ignores her ears completely. I should realize of course, that such things are of such serious mien that books are written on the subject. They really enhance the Science of Numismatics.

In my letter to you there was part of it that you blue penciled. In your letter you stated that "Adam Eckfeldt was very much aware that it was against U. S. coinage laws to mutilate coins and return them to circulation." That was your answer to a conjecture I made that the coins were evidently issued with an "E" for his initial, to verify their legality. I agree that Mr. Eckfeldt was aware of the coinage laws, but I don't think he paid too much attention to them. I am also of the opinion that a certain other Mint Director was aware of coinage laws sometime during the year 1843 when a certain dollar changed hands. Not being one of the great minds in numismatics I don't hesitate to state that in my opinion that coin was and still is one of the biggest fakes existent. My reason for mentioning this is to back up my belief that coiners and others connected with the Mints in the early years, had no hesitation in doing things contrary to the laws.

Since I have had so many inquiries from other collectors no less interested than I in trying to find out something that I feel will add to numismatic knowledge, I would like

to ask you to reprint my letter or this one and thus bring forth someone sufficiently versed in numismatic lore, to refute my statements and let us have the factual knowledge that will clear up the mystery.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR LEVY, LM 154
1413 Mesa Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Do U. S. Coins Have Unlimited Legal Tender?

Among the numerous items of financial legislation passed in 1933 to weaken the depression, the so-called Legal-Tender Act of June 5, 1933, seems to have received but scant attention due to the multitude of momentous fiscal enactments of that period. This bill seems to have abolished all distinctions which had previously existed in the legal-tender power of the various elements of our currency. Numismatists have generally believed that all U. S. coins excepting trade dollars and gold are a legal tender, at least for a small amount, including even the early issues of the mint in the eighteenth century. The Legal-Tender Act of 1933 was actually an amendment by joint resolution of Congress to the "Inflation Bill" of May 12, 1933, the exact title of which was the Thomas Amendment to the Agricultural Relief Act. The Legal-Tender Act granted the following general power:

All coins and currencies of the United States (including Federal Reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal Reserve Banks and national banking associations) heretofore or hereafter coined or issued, shall be legal tender for all debts, public and private, public charges, taxes, duties and dues except that gold coins, when below the standard weight and limit of tolerance provided by law for the single piece, shall be legal tender only at valuation in proportion to their actual weight.

Perhaps someone will try paying his income tax in worn copper cents!

R. H. WILLIAMSON, ANA 9482
Syracuse, New York

Kansas-Oklahoma numismatic meeting at Wichita October 22-23 is open to all. Exhibits and speakers will highlight program. Three dollar registration fee includes banquet.

Library Notes

By T. R. HAMMER, A. N. A. Librarian
336 N. Clifton Ave., Wichita 8, Kansas

There was an excellent response to the announcement that a weekly column on coins is available to newspapers. Some 20 members wrote for sample columns and information about this free service to newspapers. Due to commitments, no new Iowa, Wisconsin or Indiana clients can be added. Some 75 papers with a total circulation of well over 3,000,000 now use the column. Other A.N.A. members desiring to try to interest editors in using the column should write the librarian of A.N.A., author of the column.

One of the biggest problems of the librarian seems to be disappearing—that of overdue books. There were only three notices sent out for July, first month of the new fiscal year, and one at the end of August. Borrowers now are permitted to retain books slightly longer than before, but fewer extensions are being granted.

Due to a post office ruling, bound *Numismatists* now must be sent at the parcel post rate rather than the book rate, due to the advertising. Unless borrowers are going through the entire set—and several are right now—it may be better for readers to get individual copies. We have most of *The Numismatists* unbound, except for the early 1900s. Incidentally, we'd welcome donations of these early years—or will swap later ones for them, offering good trades.

In July, there were 62 loans and 131 books were lent, while in August, loans totaled 75, and books 132. Twenty-two of the loans were to members in New York state, 22 to Pennsylvania and 15 to California.

Another reprint from *The Numismatist* is available at 40c. It is "George Washington Medals of 1889," by Susan H. Douglas, Caldwell, N. J. The article contains 32 pages, is illustrated and was serialized in *The Numismatist*, May through July of 1949. Send 40c to the librarian, 336 North Clifton avenue, Wichita 8, Kansas. "Coin Mottoes and Their Transla-

tions," by Stuart Mosher is outselling all other reprints.

Among donations of the new fiscal year were "Ancient Coins Associated with Christianity," by Charles Tuckwood; miscellaneous copies of *The Numismatist*, Numismatic Scrapbook and Coin Collectors Journal, by Capt. V. Hernadez; copies of the 1948 Royal Canadian Mint report and "McReady's Paper Money Record (Canada)," donated by Captain Sheldon S. Carroll; several miscellaneous copies of American Journal of Numismatics, Coin Collectors Journal and *The Numismatist*, by R. H. Williamson.

A.N.A. members keep informed on numismatic works in the offing. From California came an order for a work on patterns by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd—but the publication has not yet been turned over to the publisher, so far as we can determine. Orders were on file for a new work on large cents before it was listed as available. Incidentally, we still have received no copy of this work.

The October, 1939 *Numismatist* contained articles on a pattern \$5 gold piece, New Zealand centennial medal, Yugoslavia new issues, methods and advantages of collecting, notes on so-called Roman family coins, colonial and continental shillings and "Numismatics of the Small American Cent," by Wesley R. Hauptman. The latter, incidentally, is bound separately and is constantly in demand among library users.

32 Page Price List by R. Green

R. Green, 220 S. State St., Suite 1402-04, Chicago 4, Illinois, has just issued a 32 page price list containing many desirable numismatic items. In addition to the rarities listed are many choice U. S. coins in uncirculated and proof condition. A copy of this list will be sent to all interested collectors. A stamp should accompany the request.

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Report of the General Secretary

Admission to Membership

Applicants numbered 17660-17701, as published in the August issue have been admitted to membership.

Applicants for Membership

The following applications were received in August, 1949. If there are no objections filed prior to November 1, 1949 these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the December issue.

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17752 **W. C. Bartlett**, P. O. 121, Redding, Calif. U. S. Gold Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
17753 **Thomas E. Albright**, c/o Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Ind. Gold Coins.
Richard L. Crumb, Jack Preston Morris.
17754 **Robert C. Brown**, Box 12, Devine, Texas. U. S. General. W. A. Philpott, Jr.
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- 17764 **Mrs. Ralph A. Mitchell**, 322 Knott St., Sta. A. Bakersfield, Calif. General. Ralph A. Mitchell. Associate member.
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- 17790 **Dr. Louis J. Payen**, Route 2, Box 3810, Sacramento, Calif. American Gold. Edward Fogler.
- 17791 **James Crouthamel**, P. O. Box 1289, San Diego, Calif. U. S. General. Eugene D. Johnston, L. Panosh.
- 17792 **Comor. Byron B. Jeffrey**, 4463 Moraga Ave., Oakland 11, Calif. U. S. Mint. Edward Fogler, Ted Hammer.
- 17793 **Richard Reprogle**, 30 Parrott St., Vallejo, Calif. American Coins. Mrs. D. Dee DeNise, Earl A. Parker.
- 17794 **J. W. Moore**, P. O. Box 147, Lathrop, Calif. American. Edward Fogler.
- 17795 **Albert L. Durham**, Box 1072, Beaumont, Texas. U. S. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 17796 **Edward Jack Miller**, 116 Lakeside Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. U. S. General. William Merles.
- J-17797 **Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, Jr.**, 308 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, Mich. Cents. James Kelly.
- J-17798 **Richard Imber**, 2222 Gaylord, Denver 5, Colo. U. S. General. Dan Brown, Philip W. Whiteley.
- 17799 **D. Arthur Evans**, 4145 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore 15, Md. General. Lewis M. Reagan.

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- 14294 **Jacques D. Del Monte**, 725 W. 172nd St., New York 23, N. Y.
- 14212 **Joseph S. Sary**, 13975, Detroit 27, Mich.

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- 6070 **John Beranek**, Torrance, Calif.
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Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information – and encouragement – to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ATLANTA COIN CLUB – The 368th meeting was held at the Henry Grady Hotel on August 3rd at 8 p.m. President Johnson presided with 10 members and 2 visitors present.

Mr. Gearing, our guest from Seebing, Florida, talked to us a few minutes about numismatics and the growth and problems of the club he joined in Florida.

Pierce James read an excellent prepared paper on ancient coins. He illustrated his talk with such coins as the Cassia Gens, the Denarius – Penny of the New Testament and the Circa, 25 B.C. – Republic of Rome, on the Obverse – the head of Vestal and the Reverse – the Citizen Voting.

Mr. Gavron displayed plastic trays of cents and gold coins.

VIRGINIA SURRY, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB – The regular semi-monthly meeting was held on July 9, at the Peale Museum with President Cockaday in the chair. There were 25 members and one visitor present.

Mr. Sheckels, Chairman of Program Committee, gave an outline of programs for future meetings.

Mr. McCormick spoke of an interesting article observed in the "Toronto Globe & Mail" entitled "Itchy Fingers." The article gave reference to the various designers initials and their locations on Canadian Coins.

Mr. Broll read a synopsis of the article, "Gold Standards of the Romans" by Prof. Earlen R. Caley of Ohio State University.

The regular July 21st meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock at The Peale Museum by Acting President Straus.

Followed a very fine talk and exhibit on commemorative coins by the following: Mr. Straus spoke and exhibited two 50-cent and one \$2 piece on graph; Mr. Wiley spoke and exhibited the Connecticut half-dollar commemorating the anniversary of the founding of the Connecticut colony; Mr. Hall spoke and exhibited the Fort Vancouver commemorative coin; Mr. Gough then spoke and exhibited the 1949 silver dollar of Canada.

The talks were very instructive and gave complete histories of the striking and what each particular medal stood for.

Mr. Day who happened to be in possession of a copy of the entire article then presented this article in its entirety.

President Cockaday spoke on a subject of philatelists interest, namely, the designing by Markland Morgan, a native of Annapolis, of the three cent stamp

commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Annapolis. Mr. Markland's remuneration for his work was the No. 2 sheet of this issue. He also spoke of the little heard of hobby of "Hardwood Floor Collectors," stating that floors of petrified wood have been found in mounds dating back 3500 years.

Dr. Plummer exhibited dollar size coins of Mexico during the rules of the kings of the Spanish-Bourbon dynasty 1700-1821.

An exhibit unique in itself, by Mr. Straus, was a prismoid of pure crystal, of which the delicate carvings of one perpendicular edge when viewed thru the plane surface opposite appeared to be a vase of silver embedded in the centre of the prismoid. He stated it was over 60 years old.

– MELVIN FULD, Secretary

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB – The 64th regular meeting was held on July 13th at Helen Foster's Restaurant in Santa Monica, California. President Brainard presided.

Because so many of our members were vacationing and because of the proximity of the ANA Convention, it was decided not to hold our regular meeting in August, but to resume in September at which time Karl Brainard will speak on "The Bechtler Coinage" and A. Kosoff will present a Quiz Program.

Our roster was reduced by 16 when members whose 1949 dues were delinquent were dropped.

Messrs Lou Friedman, Charlie Mills, Jack Ogilvie and Joe Block were appointed a committee in charge of grading coins. This resulted from a discussion regarding grading of coins by dealers.

Jack Ogilvie gave a talk on "Roll Collecting" and a splendid paper on "Early Half Dollars" prepared by Compton Johnson, was read by Charles C. Mills.

– BEN SCHWARTZ, Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB – The July meeting was held July 19th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Young in Cullman, Alabama. There were eleven members and eleven visitors present.

The attendance prize of Franklin half-dollar was donated by Mr. Young and was won by a visitor, Larry Faulkner.

The program consisted of a completion type quiz program. O. B. Hudson won an Iowa Centennial half-dollar for the largest number of correct answers.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake concluded the meeting. Everyone had an excellent time and expressed desire to

have more of this type meetings in the future.

Display:

G. H. Young: Unc. sets of cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves, dollars and also some gold coins.

O. B. Hudson: Several unc. sets silver coins.

J. C. Faulkner: Silver and gold coins.

— O. L. HURTT, Secretary

CENTRAL ILLINOIS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 21st meeting was held at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois, September 1, with 9 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Col. James Curtis. After disposing of the old business the new was taken up. The coming Central States Numismatic Society convention was discussed. A.N.A. medals of award for participation in National Coin Week were distributed to members present.

A report of the A.N.A. convention at San Francisco was given by Paul H. Ginther, mentioning particularly the entertainment, business transacted, and the interesting displays of numismatic material.

Exhibits were as follows:

The Certificate of Honorable Mention awarded the club for participation in National Coin Week.

Col. James Curtis: 1836 Steam Coinage mint medal; copper first variety of Washington coin; French 5 franc silver piece.

Joe Mingle: 10 gold coins from Mexico, Germany, France, and the United States.

Arthur Faucon: Miscellaneous coins of the world.

Paul H. Ginther: San Francisco A.N.A. Convention medal; setting of convention bars, pin bar, and medallion; 2 Lincoln medals by Roine; current and back issues of The Fare Box, official publication of the American Vecturist Association; rubber dollar.

— PAUL H. GINTHER, Secretary
pro tem

CHATTANOOGA COIN CLUB—The fourteenth regular meeting was held at the Central Y.M.C.A., with the president, Phillip J. Sherman, presiding and with nine members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Anderson gave a very interesting account of her recent visit to the Clearwater Coin and Stamp Club.

The By-laws were amended whereby persons under 18 years of age could become Junior members of the Club and a special Junior advisory committee was appointed to encourage interest in the prospective Junior members.

It was agreed that the Club would hold a coin exhibit at the Chattanooga Interstate Fair again this year.

One application for membership was received.

A scientific paper on U. S. half-dollars was read by A. T. Wright.

Exhibits:

C. M. Hillis; U. S. paper currency.

C. A. Brownell; Coin journals of 1878.

Phillip J. Sherman; foreign and ancient gold.

— E. R. Anderson, Secretary

CHATTANOOGA COIN CLUB—The 15th regular meeting was held on August 17 in the Club Room of North Chattanooga Branch Hamilton National Bank Building with President P. J. Sherman presiding and with 22 members and guests present.

The exhibits committee reported that definite progress was being made toward the coin exhibit at the Interstate Fair next month.

Miss Ann McNabb was authorized by the club to investigate the possibilities of the club sponsoring the publication in our local newspapers the series of weekly articles offered by the A.N.A.

Mary Frances Anderson was admitted to membership and three applications were submitted.

Papers of the evening were as follows: "How U. S. Makes Coins" by E. R. Anderson and "How to Detect Counterfeit Coins" by Phillip J. Sherman.

Exhibits were:

Complete set of U. S. Commemorative Gold—P. J. Sherman.

One pound of V. F. 1909-SVDB cents—Mr. X.

Collection of 1949 wooden money—E. R. Anderson.

After the official adjournment, a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed.

— E. R. ANDERSON, Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB—The 259th meeting was held September 2nd at 1329 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif., with President Gasser in the chair. There were 42 members and two guests present.

Vreeland Fraser had on display his magnificent collection of minor United States coins that captured a prize at the San Francisco A.N.A. convention.

Our guest, Robert C. Cahall assisted by his lovely wife, of 417 Center St., Taft, Calif., then gave us a treat. They demonstrated the making of plastic slides and displaying them through a projector.

The process is simple and inexpensive. The plastic is cut in squares about 2x2. Two of them are placed on a small plug-in electric plate and heated to a temperature that softens them but does not melt them. The coin is placed between the two slides and then put in a small hand operated hydraulic press for a few seconds. The slides do not adhere, and the coin readily comes from the imprint.

A short recess followed the demonstration. The ladies present served Tea and Crumpets. Next came the drawings for door prizes, and the meeting closed with one of the usual auctions.

— M. P. CAREY, Acting Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB—Thirty-two members and guests attended the 257th meeting on Aug. 5th and enjoyed a splendid address by G. R. Halliday. His topic was "Money Talks About The Bible" a subject he is considered an authority on. Many, no doubt, have read his booklet on this subject, which quoting Stuart Mosher is one of the most interesting series in numismatics. As Mr. Halliday's talk progressed, he passed the coins spoken about amongst the audience, thus giving each and everyone a first hand illustration. The coins exhibited are some of the finest specimens extant and far above the average condition of Biblical coins.

Refreshments and an auction rounded out the evening.

— JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

MIAMI COIN CLUB—November 16, 1948, twenty-six active and prospective coin collectors in the Greater Miami

area met in the mezzanine of the Robert Clay Hotel in Miami for the purpose of organizing a coin club.

At that meeting the following officers were elected: President, Charles H. Rogers; Vice Pres., A. H. Brannon; Recording Sec'y, Leonard Spiegel; Treas. and Corr. Sec'y, J. F. Pollard; Sergeant-at-Arms, A. E. Kelpsh.

It was decided that a clear unmistakable name be given and so The Miami Coin Club was born. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Y.M.C.A. Bldg. in downtown Miami.

Seven new members joined and dues were set at \$2.00 per year.

The January meeting found S. Leo McGranaghan elected Treasurer and Melvin R. Ginn Corresponding Secretary. At this meeting the charter was declared closed. Mr. Kelpsh an internationally known authority on Crowns gave a lecture on the events leading up to the coinage of crowns and described some of the more famous dollar size silver coins. Mr. Ginn then related as to how and why he became interested in collecting coins.

George Parvin, Secretary of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, of which club Mr. Spiegel was a former member. Mr. J. V. McDermott of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin had an exhibition of rare coins at this meeting. Mr. Ginn started a monthly bulletin which is well written and well received. Steps were taken to organize a Junior Coin Club composed of boys and girls under eighteen years of age.

President Loyd B. Gettys of the A.N.A. sent a letter of congratulations to the club and Louis S. Werner, Sgt. of Arms of A.N.A. donated an A.N.A. plaque to the Club. A letter from the Bank of America in San Francisco was read advising that their stock of Unc. 1948-S mint nickels were held for customers and correspondent banks. J. V. McDermott, our honorary member from Milwaukee, donated a 1949 edition of Wayne Raymond's catalogue to our library. Chas. Boos donated our stationery and membership cards.

The April meeting was held on the 21st of the month at the "Y." At this time a letter of resignation from Pres. Rogers was read. His resignation was accepted and M. R. Ginn was unanimously elected to fill the office.

Mr. J. F. Pollard who had previously resigned from the club requested that he be reinstated as an active member. He was fully accepted. At this meeting there were 19 members and eight guests whose applications were voted upon favorably.

The May meeting was held with our new president Mr. Ginn in the chair.

At this meeting our guest of honor was E. M. Wharton an international figure in numismatics who was visiting Miami in his yacht.

At the June meeting Pres. Ginn told of two school teachers one with 33 students the other with 28 who purchased 61 Lincoln boards at the Hobby Shop which will be distributed to their pupils. Prizes will be awarded to those scholars whose boards are most nearly completed when the fall semester opens. He commended these teachers who are arousing a thrifty and enjoyably profitable hobby in their young proteges. There were 21 members present as well as 16 guests.

Mr. McGranaghan gave interesting talks on "Rolls of Small U.S. Coins Popular" and "The Mercury Dime."

Fifteen new members were voted in making it a total membership of 83 since our inception in November, 1948. In the last few months our rapid rise in membership must be attributed in by far the greater part to the efforts of our president Mr. Ginn.

Mr. Pollard gave a well prepared talk on "Circulated versus Uncirculated Coins." Mr. Pollard is very pro circulated. Nuff said. He also read a lengthy paper for the good and welfare of the club.

The August meeting was held on the 18th and the first death in our club was reported, that of Mr. F. J. Parmalee. A letter of condolence was sent to his widow and incorporated in the minutes. Mr. Logan Randolph gave a very interesting talk on the subject of "How To Interest Young People In Coin Collecting." Seven new members were installed, bringing the total to 89.

- LEONARD SPIEGEL, Rec. Sec'y

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB -

Meeting Friday evening, August 12th, Damon Douglas, President, presiding. There were eight members present.

Exhibits were made by the following: M. F. Kortjohn: Tokens of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corps and nine coins of Afghanistan.

D. G. Douglas: Coins of Argentina, Albania, Argos, Australia and Athens.

Mrs. S. H. Douglas: Medals, tokens, badges, pins, etc., of the 1888 and 1892 campaigns of Benjamin Harrison.

G. H. Blake: \$1 Silver Certificate with signature of the new Treasurer of the United States, Georgia Neese Clark.

O. G. Schilke: U. S. eagles of 1795, 1801 and 1850.

L. Kusterer: Two medals of Benjamin Harrison; one medal of Herbert Hoover.

H. J. Erlanger: Gold medal (40 ducats) by Vestner, on the creation of Damian Hugo, Count of Schoenborn, (Later Bishop of Speyer and Constance) as cardinal, 1715.

R. Gallo: Choice uncirculated cents from 1831 to 1854.

A most interesting discussion followed of how each member housed their various collections.

- SUSAN H. DOUGLAS,
Secretary pro tem

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB - The

134th meeting was held at Brea, California, on July 27th at 7:30 p.m. with President Charles Kiser presiding. Members and guests attending numbered sixty-seven, a really good vacation-time attendance.

Announcement of the Fall Convention of the California State Numismatic Association at San Diego, November 11, 12, 13th, was greeted with the assurance that a strong delegation would move south from Orange County for that event.

Speaker for the evening was Leonel Panosh of San Diego. His topic was the Coinage of the Knights of Malta, whose order commenced with the Crusades in the Tenth Century, first as the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem. They were soon driven by the Turks to the Island of Cyprus, then to Rhodes, and finally to Malta where they remained as a governing order until 1799 when sovereignty was surrendered to Napoleon Bonaparte.

These masters of chivalry, part re-

ligious and part military, began to coin money at Rhodes in 1307 and continued their coinage until 1798. These coins, in copper, silver, and gold, show a strong religious influence in their design. Many bore the Maltese Cross, which was emblematic of this order of knights who came from all parts of Europe.

The speaker displayed eleven coins of Malta and detailed their history. It was pointed out by him that such coins are not commonly available to collectors in America and must be obtained from numismatic sources in Europe.

- CHARLES RUBY, Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB - In the absence of Pres. Kiser, Past President Herbert Bergen was in charge of the 135th meeting of the Orange County Coin Club, August 31, 1949.

Ninety-six members and guests were in attendance. Four new members were taken into membership through the good work of Joe Steele, our membership chairman. All present were given a special invitation to attend the BIG State Convention to be held in San Diego, November 11, 12, 13, 1949.

A special report of the recent A.N.A. election was given by Joe Steele, member of the election committee. He paid high tribute to ALL candidates and especially commented upon the type of men in charge of the present policies of the A.N.A. He then introduced the speaker for the evening, Charles L. Ruby, recently elected member of the Board of Governors of the A.N.A., who tried to give a detailed report of the San Francisco Convention. Ruby specially paid tribute to the fine work done by all connected with the Convention and the swell cooperative fellowship so noticeable throughout the whole Convention. After thirty minutes everyone present had an inside picture of this great Convention and decided a good time was had by all.

The membership decided to "pass the hat" for money to be used by Dr. Curtis in the earthquake stricken area of Ecuador. (\$50.00 was contributed.)

- CHARLES L. RUBY, Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Hotel Benson, Portland, Oregon, on Monday evening, August 8th, with 35 members present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, W. A. Thompson, opened the meeting with introductions of those attending. A visitor of the evening was K. M. Brainard of Santa Monica, California, president of the Bay City Coin Club.

The formal appreciation of the society was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Baranovich for their hospitality. The annual picnic held at their home on July 31st brought out some fifty members and their families to eat their fill and enjoy the afternoon of fun which their host provided.

The displays included "largest" coins, and, in addition to Chinese notes displayed by Lloyd Ruff, probably the largest denomination was Felix Baranovich's billion mark coin of Germany, in silver alloy. Among other displays, Jim Young presented some hard-to-get coins of French Equatorial Africa.

Mr. Brainard told something of what was being collected and talked about in the Bay City club, and hoped that he would see a number from the Oregon group at San Francisco. In connection with the Question Box he answered some questions on California pioneer

gold and also referred members to Kenneth Lee's book about these items.

- RUTH THOMPSON, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB - The 170th meeting was called to order by President Hicks at 8 p.m., August 16, in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel with 26 members and guests present.

Dr. E. Arthur Whitney announced that he had written to President Gettys and Secretary Reagan suggesting the issuance of a commemorative quarter dollar to commemorate the tri-centenary of the Pine Tree Shilling in 1952.

F.C.C. Boyd of New York attended his first meeting since joining many years ago. He was warmly welcomed and spoke about several items in his vast collection.

The theme of the evening, for discussion, was colonials and Mr. Boyd exhibited the first colonial paper money, a Massachusetts note of 1690, 201 shillings. He also exhibited a 1787 Brasher doubloon.

Mr. Boyd also exhibited several hundred envelopes used during the Civil War period to hold stamps of various denominations given in change.

R. T. Hooper showed us a collection of coins bearing ships.

D. T. McDonald, Jr. spoke on colonial coins and emphasized the Fugios. He distributed 60 cards on which were mounted different colonial pieces with an explanation of each.

- ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND

A dinner meeting and auction was held June 22 at Johnson's Hummock's Grille with 20 members and guests attending.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Father Broburg; vice president, Mr. Wrathall, secretary, Mrs. Czerwonska; treasurer-librarian, Mr. Hunter; board member at large, Mr. Heyward.

Exhibits:

Mr. Bushnell: U. S. trade dollar of 1876; coins from the Isle of Man and the Cape of Good Hope.

Mr. Hunter: U. S. proof sets from 1936 to 1942.

S. Dufresne: Lincoln cents from 1909 to 1948.

Mr. Carrard: U. S. commemorative half dollars.

Mr. Robbins: U. S. half cents, Indian head cents, and standing Liberty quarter dollars.

Father Broburg: 1½ thaler of August the Younger 1666; thaler of John William and John Frederick; thaler of Sigismund of Austria 1486; 8 reales of Philip II, 1579; 2 pesos of Mexico, 1920; denarius of Augustus; Maundy set of Charles II; lepton of Judaea; crown of Gustavus I, 1550.

Mr. Wrathall: Bracteats from the Lauingen board attributed to Conrad 4th of Swabia, 1228-1254.

- EDNA CZERWONKA, Secretary

RICHMOND COIN CLUB - The August meeting was held at the home of Benjamin A. Delano in West Moreland County and following a custom of several years the meeting was followed by a supper and informal program.

Splendid exhibits were made by Messrs. Delano and Johnson and an interesting numismatic discussion continued until 10 p.m.

- JAMES A. JOHNSON
Secretary pro tem

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The 831st meeting was held at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Tuesday, August 16th. The attendance was extremely gratifying there being present 19 members and 3 visitors.

This was a Special Summer Meeting and President J. J. Pittman presided.

The Membership Chairman presented two new applications for membership in the R. N. A.

The talk for the evening was given by Mr. Pittman on the subject, "Early Proofs of U. S. Coins." The talk proved very interesting and many facts and details regarding the early history were brought out.

Exhibits:

J. McGowan: \$1.00 U. S. Note 1928 Series.

Charles Ricard: 2 Federal Reserve Notes, Series 1914 - signed by Mellon and White in crisp Unc. condition.

Charles W. Foster: 12 Scarce Encased Postage Stamps.

George Bauer: A collection of Large Art Medals as follows: (1) Plaque - Fall of the Bastille, (2) Medal to the Unknown Soldier, (3) Bataille De Yser - Artistic Belgian Medal, (4) Belgian Art Medal. Widow of Soldier and Angel at Inense Burner, Fallen Soldier in Cloud Above, (5) Centennial of Peninsular War 1808-1814, Battle Scene.

J. J. Pittman: U. S. 1846 Gold, Silver and Copper Proof set in original red leather box of issue. 1943 South African Proof Set in original box of issue - very rare - only 10 sets issued. 1949 - Canadian Silver Dollar Uncirculated.

- NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB - The 156th regular monthly meeting held Thursday evening, July 28, with 14 members present.

Chris Petersen read a letter from Ken Howell, who has moved to Grinnell, Iowa. Ken would, we are sure, like to hear from his many friends. His address is Route 1 of that city. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Board of the club send Ken a book or other suitable gift to show our appreciation for the work he has done for our club.

Many interesting displays with comments by their owners were presented.

Jerry Woods showed a complete set of Buffalo nickels obtained from circulation. This is a fine set and one Jerry should be proud of.

Howard Glickert showed many varieties of paper Washington State Tax Tokens. Some of these are quite rare and are not present in any collection we have seen.

Mr. Dermond displayed a 1707 crown of Scotland, a 1742 Regensburg heller and a 1948 uncirculated South Africa set.

- WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB - Held its 157th meeting September 1st at the Roosevelt Hotel.

No planned program was held - but rather a round table discussion of the convention - Mr. Dermond, Mrs. Hiskens, Steve Bibler and Gene De Nise, who attended the convention provided a very interesting account of the convention affairs and personal sidelights. Books and souvenirs of the Convention, including the one cent mint souvenir, were shown.

We are proud of the awards presented to two of our members for Convention

displays. Gene De Nise was awarded 2nd Prize Ribbon for her display of Religious Tokens, and Howard Glickert an Honorable Mention for his Freak Coin exhibit.

Displays of the evening, with comments by their owners, included a large Chinese shirt coin by Theodore Antoschowitz, our newest member, and a 2-pence Willow coin of Massachusetts, a Haiti Gourde, Ethiopia 50 cent coin. Japanese Yen, Cuba Peso by Mr. Dermond. Mr. Dermond obtained these pieces at the convention. Mr. Talmadge displayed a beautiful Commemorative Gold set.

- WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

- The 182nd regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Johnson Tuesday evening, August 16th at the New Rochelle "Y." Fourteen members and our guest of the evening, Howard Sweet, were present.

The membership application of Wm. Wylie Troy, whose young son has shown an interest in coins, was accepted. Pres. Johnson spoke briefly regarding the progress being made in the fostering of coin interest amongst the veterans at the Kingsbridge Hospital. Pres. Johnson also showed a sample felt-covered board on which coins could be attractively displayed.

It was announced that the September meeting would be "open to the public" and all members were urged to invite friends and family to hear our honorary member, Mr. Pompeo Coppini, designer of the Texas Centennial.

A very interesting and complete paper on the "Life of Pope Pius XII, His Coins and Medals" was presented by Saul Bellus. Following Mr. Bellus' talk coins of the evening, U. S. Half Dollars, coins of Edward VIII and new acquisitions, were exhibited by the following members:

Mr. Weidhaas: U. S. half dollars 1795-1876.

Mr. Mahoney: East Africa Edward VIII 1936 5s and 10c.

Mr. Tanca: Lettered edge half dollars 1807-1834.

Mr. Bellus: Types and varieties of half dollars, 10 plaster annual medals of Pope Pius XII made from original dies.

Mr. Olmstead: U. S. half dollars 1807-1948.

Mr. Massey: 75 pieces of U. S. half dollars 1806-1947; 80 U. S. Comm. half dollars.

Mr. Marsden: Half dollar series 1892 to date; snapshots taken by Mr. Marsden of Edward VIII in New York 1919.

Mr. Pearson: Type set U. S. half dollars, lacking 1796-1797; Bavarian 5 mark 913; Utrecht, gulden 1793; Tuscany half crown 1778; French Indo-China 50 centime 1946.

Mr. Skipton: Commemorative half dollars - Grant (Star), Fort Vancouver, Hawaii, Connecticut, Spanish Trail - Grana (1810) Napoleon, Lady Godiva Token.

Mr. Hart: Seven Confederate States bank notes of various types and denominations.

- STEPHEN HART, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB

- The 341st meeting was held Wednesday, August 10 at Hotel Carter with 18 present. Gail Brichford was elected to membership.

Mr. Brichford displayed a group of French gros tournois deniers of the 13th

century and traced the origin of the cross design on these coins to the Mohammedan dirhem.

The following exhibits were briefly described.

E. G. Bell: Collection of fractional currency, mostly uncirculated.

Gail Brichford: French gros tournois deniers; minor coins of Chile showing hammer and sickle in the wreath.

A. P. Spencer: Eight coins pictured in the booklet of the Chase National Bank Collection.

— AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

MARYSVILLE SOCIETY HAS ANNUAL OUTING

Forty-three members and guests attended the Annual Outing of the Marysville Numismatic Society, which was held Sunday July 24th. Members and guests motored to Castalia, Ohio, where they visited the "Blue Hole" and Trout Hatcheries after which the group enjoyed a picnic lunch in the grove, provided by the State Conservation Department at this "Wonderland of Nature." The group then motored on to Cedar Point, where a swimming party was held by most of the group, others enjoying the points of interest in and around Lake Erie and Cedar Point. Those enjoying the day were Mr. & Mrs. William Kleiber and son, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Schillinger and family, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hodges and family, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Beightler and family, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hanby and family, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hanby and family, Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Carson and family, Robert Marten, Todd Hoopes, Sarah Dailey, William McKitrick, Marjorie Geer, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Allen, Miss Annabelle Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Holton, Mr. & Mrs. Rowland Seymour, and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wolever.

— CLARENCE BEIGHTLER, *Secretary*

Book Reviews

MOEDAS PORTUGUESAS. Lisbon. 1949. 219 pp. 17 plates. Although this publication represents an auction sale in April of 1949 of 1400 lots it is nevertheless the most comprehensive recent publication covering Portuguese coins in all series. The range of Portuguese coins parallels the coinage of France and Spain in many respects. Collectors interested in an extensive publication but of course not intended to supercede the standard work, Arago, are advised to endeavor to secure a copy.

— DAVID M. BULLOWA

THE "DOS MUNDOS" PILLAR DOLLARS. By Dr. Gilbert S. Perez. Published by the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Manila, P. I., 1948. It is indeed appropriate that the initial issue of Philippine Numismatic Monographs should be devoted to these famous "Pieces of Eight" which have so long been the object of collectors' attention. And it is fitting too, that the story should come from the facile pen of our Dr. Perez who has handled the subject in a scholarly and fascinating manner.

He discusses the historical, economic, and artistic importance of this great coinage in a thorough fashion and brings out many interesting facts that have been overlooked by other writers on the subject. The monograph is concluded with a check list of all the known dates, mint marks, assayers mark and major varieties issued during the 40 years of coinage from 1732 to 1772. — S.M.

Proceedings of the American Numismatic Society, Ninety-first Annual Meeting, January 15, 1949. Published by the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York, 1949. 51 pages. Paper bound.

Consisting of the Proceedings of the 91st Annual Meeting of the A. N. S., this book will be of interest to those who wish to know what has been happening in the numismatic world during 1948. Needless to say, many of the most important numismatic events occur at Broadway at 156th Street.

As usual in a book of this type, financial and committee reports are given but they are not to be considered as dry reading matter. It is interesting to note the donation of several fine collections to the Society and the description of these gifts and purchases. There is also a list of recent foreign coins as well as noteworthy comments on paper money and medals.

While this probably won't prove to be a book of lasting value to non-members, one can undoubtedly find considerable material of contemporary value in it.

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

The Eleazar Coins of the Bar Kochba Rebellion, by Dr. Leo Mildenberg. Reprinted from *Historia Judaica* (Vol. XI, No. 1, April, 1949), 415 West 115 St., New York 25, N. Y. 32 pages. Two plates. Paper bound.

The controversial subject of this reprint is the coins minted during the last rebellion of the Jews against the Romans (132-135 A. D.). It was this rebellion which completed the scattering of the Jews begun by Vespasian, never again to be united as a nation until the present day.

The coinage of this rebellion has always been obscure and while Dr. Mildenberg has given us a scholarly treatise in advance of anything else yet written on the subject, the fact remains that the Eleazar coins are still obscure. Although the author has offered logical solutions to a number of questions, he has also raised other queries so that the subject is still far from being solved.

The Eleazar coins of the Bar Kochba Rebellion derive their name from Eleazar, a Jewish priest, who, with the fanatic Simon Bar-Kochba, helped lead the rebellion. Right here we have one example of the many arguments raised by this treatise: The author states that "it seems improbable that 'Simon' of the coins can be identified with Bar Kochba and Bar Kochba regarded as the authority for the coinage." Some collectors believe that Simon was Bar Kochba's first name. This, along with many similar disagreements on other phases of the coins leaves them far from solved.

However, no collector interested in the Eleazar coins can ignore what Dr. Mildenberg has written. Although he has failed to conclusively answer several questions there can be no doubt that he has made a definite contribution to the subject. His material is divided into three parts covering the descriptions and types of the coins, an interpretation of the coinage and his conclusions. Of special interest is his explanation of the Eleazar legend which comes grouped in various forms; the use of several engravers; and the chronology of the coinage.

—ARLIE SLABAUGH

Monnaies D'or et D'argent. Third edition. Paris. (\$3.00) 126 pg. 6 large folding plates in color.

This publication is of considerable value, although the text is in French, in that it gives the values of all silver and gold coins, their weight, fineness, and units. This information in many cases covering foreign coins is only obtainable in the old, and out-of-print, Cambists, and a modern publication with this information is of considerable use to numismatic students. While not a rare coin book, it is a handbook which will prove useful for information not easily otherwise obtainable.

—D. M. BULLOWA

A. H. Quiggin. *A Survey of Primitive Money*. 2 plates in color. 32 half-tone plates. 4 folding maps. 344 pg. London. 1949. (\$10.00)

To those interested in the use of objects such as bracelets, bangles, buttons, beads and commodities, which have served primitive peoples prior to the advent of coinage, this book is undoubtedly the most complete and authoritative compendium available. Using Ridgeway "Origins of Metallic Currency" as a point from which to work back, this publication covers the continents and gives an incredible amount of information of the kinds of objects used in the various localities since pre-historic times. Although this reviewer is of the opinion that the term numismatics by definition excludes this entire realm of material from the field, it is nonetheless an important contribution to the subject which has always best existed to the advantage of some because of the lack of information upon the subject. This publication will fill a need long felt by those desiring an ethnic and historical approach for what may rightly be termed pre-numismatic numismatics.

—D. M. BULLOWA

CALENDAR OF FUTURE NUMISMATIC EVENTS

Ohio State Numismatic Society, Lima, Ohio. October 8-9, 1949.
Kansas-Oklahoma Numismatic Association, Wichita, Kansas. October 22-23, 1949.
California State Numismatic Association, San Diego, Calif. November 11-13, 1949
National Coin Week. April 14-21, 1950
Central States Numismatic Society, Springfield, Ill. June 2-4, 1950
American Numismatic Association, Milwaukee, Wis. Aug. 25-29, 1950